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PORTSMOUTH FIRE RAID

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"MODERATELY" INTENSE ATTACK

LEAVING THE REST OF ENGLAND ALMOST UNTOUCHED, GOERING'S LUFTWAFFE ON FRIDAY NIGHT CONCENTRATED THEIR ATTENTION ON PORTSMOUTH, WHERE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND MUCH DAMAGE WAS DONE TO HOUSES AND COMMERCIAL PREMISES.

Many fires were started but the situation was well in hand by yesterday morning, after fine work by the Auxiliary Fire Service.

The attackers came over in two waves in a raid which was described as "moderately intense," but the attack was over well before dawn.

American Fighters In Action

Germany has lost her first bomber to American fighter aircraft flown by British pilots.

This occurred when naval pilots flying Grumman single-engine fighters shot down a Junkers-88 bomber, all four occupants of the German machine being captured.

Three of these aircraft were on patrol when weather conditions necessitated a recall to their base.

The leader had actually landed when he caught sight of the Junker.

He promptly took off again, climbing back into the clouds, where he rejoined his two companions just as one of them opened fire on the German machine.

Smoke at once enveloped the Junker, and when the leader joined the fight it began losing height and finally crashed in a bog.

Home Guard Capture
A retired naval captain and his Home Guard son reached the workshop as one of the crew was attempting to set fire to the machine.

The captain covered the man with his shot-gun while his son disarmed the men and took them prisoners.—Reuter.

Doomed For Ever

Italy's position as a first-rate power in Africa is doomed for ever, according to Sir Sikander Hyat Khan, Premier of the Punjab, interviewed yesterday in Karachi on his return from a visit to Indian troops in Egypt and Sudan.

Sir Sikander said it was only a matter of two or three months before the Italian hold on North Africa would be completely destroyed.

He was convinced, that the entire Moslem world, including Turkey, was solidly behind the Allies.

Indian troops, he said, had done extremely well and their prestige was high.—Reuter.

NAILS FOR COFFIN OF GRAZIANI AMBITION

GRAZIANI IN A PARLOUS PLIGHT

45,000 Officers And Men Lost In The Bardia Operations

WITH THE ITALIAN FIFTH ARMY IN LIBYA STRUGGLING THROUGH DESERT WASTES 180 MILES SOUTH-WEST OF TOBRUK CONTINUALLY HARASSED BY RELAYS OF R.A.F. BOMBERS IN ITS RETREAT FROM THE OASIS OF JARABUB, THE LOSS OF OVER 100,000 MEN BETWEEN SIDI BARRANI AND BARDIA, AND THE ENCIRCLEMENT OF A LARGE FORCE AT TOBRUK, MARSHAL GRAZIANI HAS NOW LOST MORE THAN HALF THE GREAT ARMY DESIGNED FOR THE CONQUEST OF EGYPT.

The full extent of General Wavell's triumph at Bardia was only made known with the publication in Cairo yesterday of an official statement of Italian losses in the battle.

The Italians at Bardia, it was announced, lost in killed and captured 2,041 officers and 42,827 men.

In addition the British forces captured or destroyed 308 field guns, 20 heavy anti-aircraft guns, 68 light guns, 13 medium tanks, 117 light tanks and 708 transport vehicles.

Meanwhile, says the communiqué, operations in the Tobruk area are progressing satisfactorily, while on the Sudan and Kenya frontiers vigorous patrol activity continues.

An earlier Cairo communiqué revealed that yet another Blackshirt general, who absented himself from Bardia before the British assault, "has been re-arrested while wandering on foot in the desert on the way to Tobruk."

Correspondents with the British forces round Tobruk report that in the last 24 hours the British artillery bombardment has intensified with the bringing into action of fresh batteries.—Reuter.

ITALIAN CRUISER HIT

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

It was announced in Cairo yesterday that an Italian cruiser was probably damaged by a salvo of bombs falling across her decks during a terrific R.A.F. assault on the big port of Messina, in Sicily.

This is the second Fascist war vessel reported struck and disabled in the course of a 48-hour campaign of widespread R.A.F. raids that staggered both sides of the Mediterranean.

R.A.F. RAIDS ALSO HIT NAPLES, PALERMO, TOBRUK, BEN GHAZI AND BENINA AERODROMES.

Simultaneously a Greek column striking up the coast north of Calabria was reported to have registered fresh gains in a multiple push on Valona, which for weeks has been shelled from the sea and bombed from the air.—International News Service.

Tons Of Bombs
THE R.A.F. HEAVILY BOMBED MESSINA (SICILY) ON THURSDAY NIGHT, ACCORDING TO A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

Several tons of bombs were dropped on naval vessels in the harbour, and on wharves, docks and an oil storage plant.

One stick of bombs fell across a cruiser in the harbour but observation of damage was impossible owing to a heavy smoke-screen thrown out by the cruiser.—Reuter.

BREST RAID

Two direct hits were scored on a large vessel at Brest and fires were caused in the dock area, when the R.A.F. attacked the German-occupied French port in bright moonlight on Friday night, states an Air Ministry communiqué.

Shipping in Le Havre harbour was also attacked.—Reuter.



WITH THE R.A.F. IN THE WESTERN DESERT. Photo shows a strong man's job. R.A.F. men in the Western Desert, preparing bombs for the smashing raids which have destroyed Italian air resistance.—(Copyright, Fox.)

BLANK CHEQUE DOUBTS

The vast scope of the powers granted to the President by the new "Aid to Britain" Bill are stressed in all the New York newspapers.

The measure appears likely to create a widespread debate but it is not the policy of aiding Britain that is questioned, so much as the constitutional implications important to the United States domestically.

Washington correspondents differ as to whether the Bill will have a speedy passage or be the subject of violent controversy, some maintaining that the Bill will not pass in its present form.

The "New York Times" suggests an extensive amendment and first reports of nation-wide editorial reaction show that many newspapers express misgivings over the limitless character of the President's powers.

THE "PHILADELPHIA ENQUIRER," "BALTIMORE SUN" AND "WASHINGTON POST" ALL PROPOSE THE CREATION OF A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE SUPERVISION AND REVIEW OF THE PRESIDENT'S ACTIONS UNDER THE BILL.—REUTER.

Swift Doom Of Hitler Forecast

"My hunch is that the war will be shorter than most people think and that if we give full aid to Britain the empire of Hitler will fall to pieces as fast as it was put together; there are signs of crumbling already."

So declared Mr. Al Smith, former Governor of New York State and a severe critic of President Roosevelt, broadcasting over the Columbia system yesterday.

Stating that the "British to-day stand between us and the total war which the dictators promise," Mr. Smith said: "Every red-blooded American will support the President in his purpose to give full aid to Britain."—Reuter.

Bangkok Air Raid Threat

THE AIR CONFLICT now in progress between the Thailand air force and French Indo-China units constitutes a test between French and American material, the aviation expert of the Japanese newspaper "Asahi" observes.

The Thai Air Force consists almost wholly of craft built in the United States, the "Asahi" writer states, and these are being matched against Indo-China's French machines.

It is understood, however, that numerous new French planes arrived in Indo-China last year, the article continues.

While Thai has the numerical advantage, the French, with long traditions and experience behind them, are believed to excel in their equipment, training and command.

The French, however, are handicapped, as they lack supplies and replacements, the "Asahi" observer believes, and the result of this is to Thailand's eventual advantage.

Decoux Communiqué

A message from Hanoi last night announced that Thailand detachments have penetrated Indo-China territory at several border points, notably north-east of Samrong and in the region of Pailin.

An official communiqué issued by Admiral Decoux, making the announcement, adds that Thai artillery has been bombarding Battambang. Twenty people have been killed and twenty others wounded.

COMPRADORE OF JARDINE'S SEIZED

One of China's best-known compradores, Mr. T. C. Pan, compradore of Jardine's, was kidnapped at 10.30 yesterday morning from his home in the French Concession in Shanghai by five men.—Reuter.

YOSHIZAWA'S HINT TO N.E.I.

JAPAN'S INTEREST in the development of uncultivated outlying territory in the Netherlands East Indies was stressed by Mr. Yoshizawa, chief of the Japanese delegation there, in a speech at a banquet given by the Japanese community in Batavia on Friday night, states a Domei despatch.

CHINA GETS AMERICAN 'PLANES

The Chinese press in Shanghai, quoting well-informed sources, yesterday stated that over 40 American 'planes were shipped from Manila and delivered to the Chinese Government recently.

Included in the shipment were also 100 cases of aeroplane parts

Remark that he was going to open up trade negotiations with the Netherlands East Indies authorities, Mr. Yoshizawa said. He believed the development of uncultivated outlying territory would bring benefits not only to Japan but also to the Netherlands East Indies, since it would greatly increase the colony's national income.

Mr. Yoshizawa expressed hope that the Netherlands East Indies authorities would understand Japan's standpoint from the long view of future benefit and not on a short-sighted one.—Reuter.

Another Chinese press report says it is learned that the United States is sending a "fleet of light warships" to the Far East to protect American interests.—Reuter.

ATTACK ON BRITISH NAVAL UNITS CLAIMED

The German Air Force joined with an Italian squadron in an attack upon a British naval formation in the Sicily Channel, says a Rome message, quoting a communiqué of the Italian High Command.

It is claimed that the German units scored a hit on an aircraft-carrier.—Reuter.

40 PARIS ARRESTS

A fresh wave of political arrests is sweeping over France, it was stated in Vichy yesterday.

Some 40 have been arrested in Paris during the past few days under a decree providing for the internment of persons dangerous to public security.

In other parts of the country a round-up of such persons resulted in 10 arrests on Thursday alone, and 80 as a consequence of recent police activity.—Reuter.

IMPORTANT CANTON PARLEYS

Vice-Admiral Yorle Sawamoto, Commander of the Japanese Fleet in South China, who has been inspecting the Canton district, yesterday held an important conference with Lt. Gen. Jun Ushiroku, Commander of the Japanese Army in South China.

Vice-Admiral Sawamoto also interviewed several Chinese leaders.—Reuter Special.

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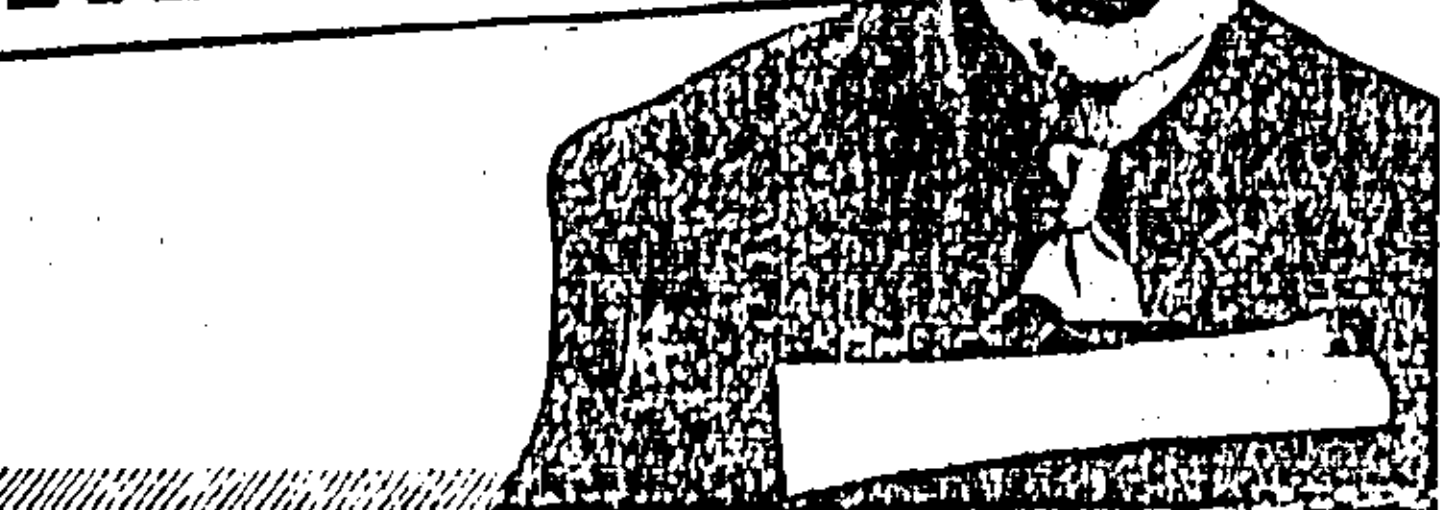
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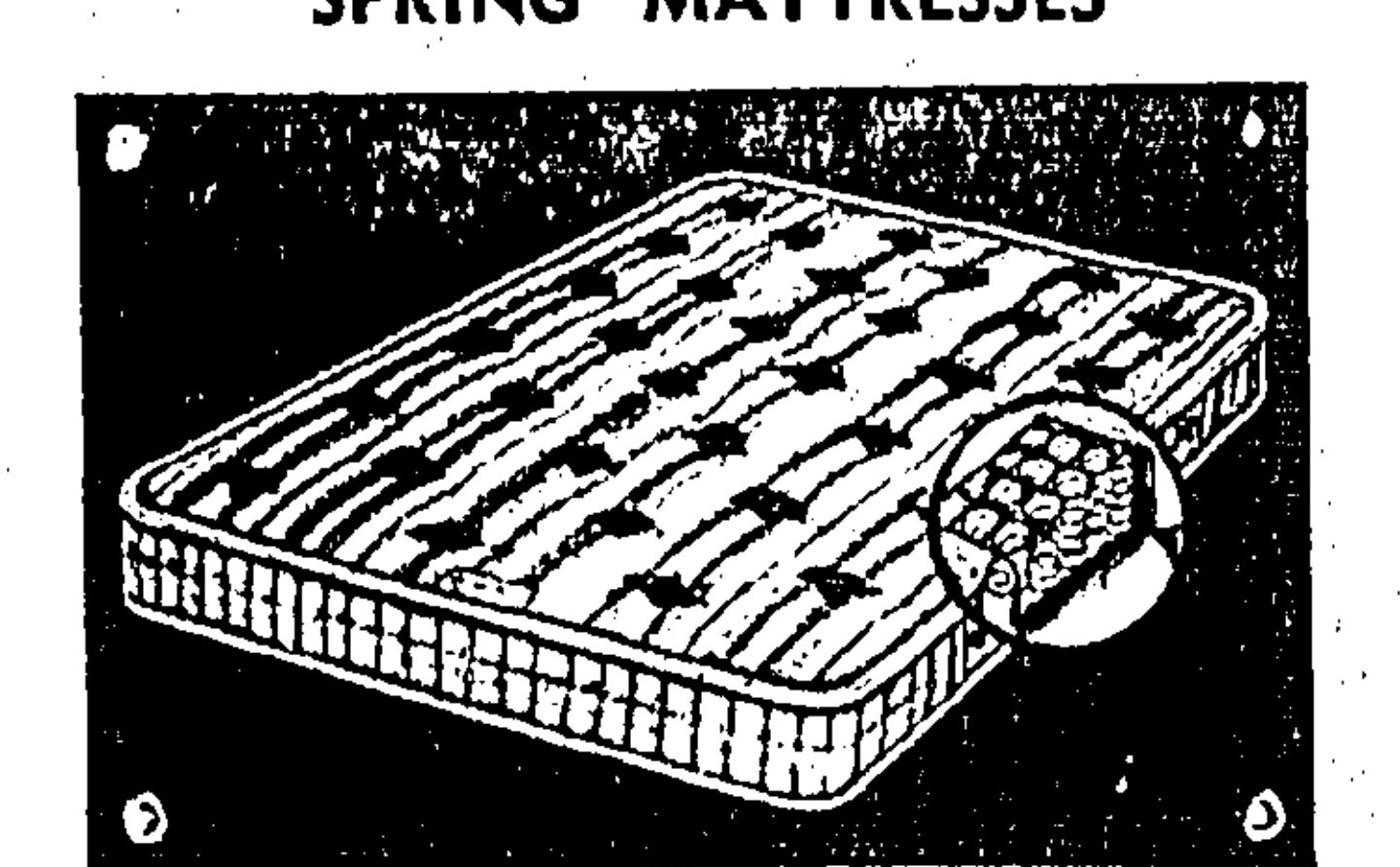


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NAZIS AND SOVIETS SIGN A NEW TRADE AGREEMENT

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)
GERMANY'S AMBITIOUS trade agree-
ment with Russia, by which she hopes to re-
ceive large amounts of grain and oil in re-
turn for machinery and other manufactured
products, was commented on with reserve by
competent quarters in London yesterday, as
the text of the agreement has not yet been
received.

The provisions of the new agreement do
not appear greatly to differ from the last
agreement of the kind.

Both are based on the barter principle, and while Russia would seem to be the fortunate possessor of exportable surpluses of grain and oil, especially lubricants, it is not thought that hitherto Germany has received very large quantities of these products. Actual deliveries of Russian products may be governed by Germany's ability to deliver articles required by Russia, and another weighty factor in the practical outcome of this agreement is transport. Inability of the railways and other transport to handle large additional amounts of traffic may

slow down considerable exchanges of products.

Rosy Spectacles
As there does not appear to be anything essentially new in the latest agreement it is thought rather surprising that the German authorities have laid so much emphasis on it, unless it be for purposes of economic propaganda in order to produce a rosy atmosphere as a set-off to America's promise of unlimited supplies of war materials for Britain and her allies.

"Fruitful Results"
"DEVELOPMENT OF FRIENDLY SOVIET-GERMAN RELATIONS" WAS THE SUBJECT OF A LEADING ARTICLE IN THE MOSCOW NEWSPAPER "IZVESTIA" YESTERDAY.

The article declared: "Since the conclusion of the German-Soviet trade agreement on August 19, 1939, relations between these two great States have been developing in an atmosphere of friendship and mutual understanding."

Referring to economic arrangements "Izvestia" says: "Observance by the Soviet and Germany of their concluded agreements has produced fruitful results and has created the necessary prerequisites for the future development of trade, economic and good neighbourly relations."

London Comment
The London newspapers record the signature of agreements between Russia and Germany aiming at increasing their commercial exchanges and regulating matters of common concern, including questions of frontier delimitation, in north-eastern Europe.

Reports contain very few details and official quarters in London have no further information and make no comment. Among journalists and other informed observers in London the chief first impression is that the agreements contain nothing new of a political character. Recent events have overshadowed memories of M. Molotov's visit to Berlin in the Autumn, when Axis propaganda led an expectant world to believe that decisions of far-reaching effect might be taken.

Practical Questions
In the event the Russian Minister departed to the accompaniment of a brief formal communication and leaving to experts elaboration of agreements on a number of practical questions between Germany and Russia.

The experts have laboured at length and the results do not appear to differ materially from what was then expected. There is a difference of emphasis in Berlin and Rome, on one hand, and in Moscow on the other in announcing these agreements.

While they are represented by the Axis as a shattering blow to Mr. Churchill, Moscow commentators say they are directed against no other power, being in accordance with Stalin's policy of peace.

"Izvestia" forecasts that new commercial agreements will be made in 1941 with other powers, neutrals and belligerents.—British Wireless.

Riding High Horse
While America could aid Britain, even to the extent of sending warships, the sending of Soviet grain to Germany was alleged to be a breach of neutrality, declared a Moscow radio announcer yesterday, commenting on the new Soviet trade agreement with the Reich.

He added: "It is high time to understand that the Soviet pursues its own policy and will continue to pursue it independently of what may be said in either the eastern or the western hemispheres."—Reuter.

German Version
A new agreement has been signed between Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia, it is announced in Berlin.

It includes a frontier agreement, settles questions which arose over the Russian occupation of the Baltic countries and provides for the exchange of goods up to August, 1942.

According to Berlin, it also includes "an ambitious programme for the delivery of raw materials, oil and grain."—Reuter.

AUSSIE
AIRMEN
READY FOR
ACTION



A complete squadron of the Royal Australian Air Force recently arrived in the Middle East from Australia. Picture shows R.A.A.F. men with full kit preparing for their headquarters. (Copyright, Fox).

ALBANIAN SOLDIERS MUTINY

Albanian soldiers forcibly mobilised into the Italian army mutinied on Friday in one sector in the Italian rear, cables Reuter's correspondent on the Albanian frontier.

The men, who were in the Labour Corps, inflicted heavy losses before they were overcome.

Many escaped to the hills, where it is reported they are continuing to oppose the Italians.—Reuter.

BRITAIN AND GREEK CULTURE

The cultural agreement concluded by the British Government with Greece was welcomed in the London press yesterday as giving tangible form to an ever closer spiritual association.

"The two countries," says "The Times," "are linked by bonds more enduring than a military alliance."

Early in the present conflict British professors saluted Greece as a "teacher of the wisdom of the old and a faithful mother still of the Arts and Science," and it is a compliment which this country does not understate that the Greek people show a keen desire to study British ideas and the British way of life.

When the first institute in Greece, under the auspices of the British Council, was recently opened in Athens, provision was made for four hundred students; but it was immediately apparent that about four thousand wanted to attend, and even in wartime it is reported to have over three thousand pupils.

"The Times" sums up the new treaty—the first of the kind—as marking "growth of the idea that officially sponsored dealings between different nations can and should be side by side with political contact or a military alliance."—British Wireless.

PING CHAU RAID

The party of some 60 bandits who so boldly invaded Ping Chau in junks on Thursday afternoon and enforced a short reign of terror on the little British island—about 12 miles east of Shantung—is now believed to have reached Cheung territory.

Money, jewellery and goods to the value of over \$20,000 were stolen during the raid. The bandits, not satisfied with the booty, forced 25 of the islanders, mostly shop owners and clerks to accompany them when they eventually left the island under cover of darkness. Up to late last night no news had been received to indicate the fate of the captives.

Isolationist Temper Strongly Roused by New Bill

REACTION IN WASHINGTON TO THE BRITISH AID BILL RANGED FROM AN ASSERTION BY SENATOR JOHNSON THAT IT WOULD "CREATE A DICTATORSHIP" TO THE VIEW THAT "THIS IS A PRACTICAL AND EFFICIENT" WAY TO AID NATIONS FIGHTING THE AXIS.

Senator Johnson regarded the Bill as "monstrous," adding: "I decline to change the whole form of my government on the specious plea of assisting one belligerent."

Representative McCormack, the House Democratic leader, said: "The Bill properly delegates power to the president—the only man in an executive position whose constituency is the entire country."

Senator Thomas said: "It is not as far-reaching as world events warrant. The President should have power to send American ships with supplies into combat zones."

Senator Chandler, of Kentucky, said: "We have got to let one fellow—the President—do it. This is not something we can hold a committee meeting about."

Senator La Follette said: "This is not a request for a blank cheque. It is a demand for Congress to abdicate vital and important powers."

Isolationist Attack
Representative Hamilton Fish, the isolationist, declared: "The powers proposed are so sweeping that it looks as if we are bringing over Nazism, Fascism and dictatorship to America and setting up a fiasco."

No fewer than a dozen members jumped up and made remarks when the Bill was introduced in the House.

In the Senate, where the Bill was simultaneously introduced, Senator McKellar described Hitler as a "devil incarnate" and proposed to "repel all laws which would in any way interfere with our giving Congress necessary powers."

Opinion On Convoys
Senator Clark, an isolationist, declared the Bill permitted President Roosevelt "to declare war" and establish a totalitarian government in domestic affairs.

Opinion seemed divided among Congressmen on whether the Bill is wide enough to authorize American convoys of war supplies to Britain or her allies.

One Representative said: "It is a step that boots us towards totalitarianism. It is, for war, not for peace."

Senator Taft said: "The Bill authorizes the President to make war on any nation in the world and to enter the present war if he wishes to do so, as he apparently does."

Rubber Stamp
"No congress except a rubber stamp congress would enact such a Bill."

Senator Connally favoured "supplying arms and munitions to nations fighting against aggression and for the survival of Democracy and free government."

Representative Stacey (Ohio) declared: "It is a streamlined, modern declaration of war and should be considered as such."—Reuter.

Impression In Britain
Prominence is given in Saturday morning's London newspapers to the Bill presented to the United States Congress giving effect to President Roosevelt's Message recommending full and speedy aid to nations fighting aggression.

Entitled "An Act to promote the defence of the United States," the measure implements President Roosevelt's promise that the United States would become "an arsenal for the Democracies."

Under its terms the President, "when he deems it in the interest of national defence," may manufacture or otherwise procure any defence article for the Government of any country "whose defence the President deems vital to the defence of the United States."

In comment on what in fact are details of domestic legislation of another country there is naturally considerable reserve but it is clear that the character of the legislation proposed has made a most happy impression on writers as indicating that the qualities of drive and determination generally associated with American action will be fully present in what is now being done to forge weapons for the use of Britain and other powers who are holding the force of aggression at bay.—British Wireless.

INDUSTRIAL POTENTIAL OF U.S. UNMATCHED

THE UNMATCHED INDUSTRIAL potential of the United States may well prove to be the deciding factor in the struggle, says the "Daily Telegraph" commenting on the measures now before Congress.

To be decisive, however, the potential energy of American industry must, it says, be translated into kinetic energy.

The need is too urgent to allow of delay, yet it is no easy matter rapidly to multiply and harness the resources even of a highly industrialised nation in the production of the munitions of war.

Well does this country know from an experience which affords to the United States a warning as well as an example. It is not the big battalions, but the humming factories and workshops that are the ultimate instruments of victory in warfare to-day.

Close Knit Relations
"The Times" welcomes the arrival in London of Mr. Harry Hopkins as President Roosevelt's personal representative which it says marks yet another stage in the closer knitting of Anglo-American relations. So, it need hardly be said, does the introduction into the American Congress on Friday of the highly important measure popularly known as the British Aid Bill.

The "Daily Express" describes the time when the Bill was introduced in Congress as a great moment for democracy.—Reuter.

GERMAN ADMISSION

The power of the R.A.F. is admitted by the Berlin paper "Das Reich."

Representing R.A.F. action as having become more aggressive the paper continues: "German industrial centres and cities have now become the front line, especially the Ruhr district, Bremen, Hamburg and Berlin."

These districts report that almost daily they have to endure sorrows and heavy attacks and it must be acknowledged that conditions there are anything but comfortable, although every endeavour is made to lighten the burden.

Other Germans must remember that people in these districts have no air raid shelters and that many lose homes and property.

Many districts in Germany which last year were far away from the scene of war have now to bear as much as the fighting troops.—British Wireless.

GRECIAN INTERLUDE

A DASHING EXPLOIT BY 200 ITALIAN TROOPS, WHO LANDED FROM TWO DESTROYERS ON A TINY ISLAND OFF THE SOUTH-EAST GREEK COAST ON TUESDAY MORNING, WAS REVEALED IN ATHENS YESTERDAY.

Storming up the beach of the unfortified island (the two male inhabitants hid in a cave), the Italians stayed on the island a few hours and then cleared off.

This daring sortie meant a voyage of quite 20 miles from the Italian islands of the Dodecanese.—Reuter.

N.T. RELIEF GIFTS

Members of the New Territories Relief Association Committee acknowledge with grateful appreciation and thanks the following donations and gifts made during December towards the maintenance of the Clinics and Hospitals operating in the villages—Cheung Chau Elders \$100.00; Victoria Precinct No. 78 \$100.00; Fanning \$43.00; Kam Tin \$30.00; Dr. Li Shu Fan \$15.00; Ila Tsuen \$30.00; Tsuen Wan \$5.00; Messrs. Nestle Milk Co., two cases of Condensed Milk; Mrs. House (Fifth Gift) One parcel of socks for babies; Chinese Women's Relief Association 37 pounds of cotton wool; and Mr. Aw Boon Haw One drum of vaseline.

36'S REGISTER

The first batch of 36-year-olds registered for military service in Britain yesterday.

For the time, conscripts were given the alternative of joining the Auxiliary Fire Service or the Police War Reserve.—Reuter.

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NAVAL OFFER CAUSES WASHINGTON SENSATION

Admitted Contravention Of Hague Neutrality

President Calls For Swift Action

THE IMPORTANCE of speedy action to lend or lease war equipment to the Democracies was stressed by President Roosevelt at his press conference in Washington.

The President said the broad powers which the British Aid Bill gave him were needed so that quick action could be taken.

He also announced he had signed a proclamation requiring that copper, brass, bronze, zinc, nickel and potash be exported only under export licence from February 3.

Asked whether the British Aid Bill would permit lending destroyers, the President said nobody had suggested it. President Roosevelt added that appropriations under the Bill

would be made in two parts — cash needed immediately and authorization for future contracts.

Quick Passage

After the conference one Congressional leader said he hoped the Bill would be ready for the President's signature in a month or five weeks. Other Administration leaders appeared confident of a quick passage, though fully aware there would be some opposition, mostly in the Senate. — Reuter.

Speed Promised

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD") Congressional leaders in Washington promised swift action on the new British Aid Bill introduced in Congress by President Roosevelt.

The legislative programme grants for authority to send British American battleships, destroyers and aircraft-carriers, as well as military equipment from the army.

It enacted the programme also opens harbours of the United States for outfitting and repairing British warships.

THE PROVISION ALLOWING BRITISH WARSHIPS TO BE REARMED IN AMERICAN PORTS CREATED A SENSATION IN WASHINGTON.

State Department officials added that it contravenes the Hague Neutrality Convention but some quarters said the President does not want his hands tied by a "one-sided international law." — International News Service.

BROKER ACCUSED

ELIAS DAVIES SYKES, 40, BROKER WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. G. T. LOWRY AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY YESTERDAY WITH OBTAINING MONEY BY A FORGED DOCUMENT ON DECEMBER 5.

It was alleged that accused obtained \$30 from P. A. Krishna, at Karamally Building, by virtue of a forged letter bearing the addition of a certain word, purporting to have been written by Mr. M. C. Gill, Naval Store Officer, asking for payment for contract forms.

Defendant pleaded not guilty. Hearing of the case was fixed for January 16, at 2.30 p.m. Bail of \$250 was allowed.

Deputy Inspector J. O'Donovan is in charge of the case.



A number of advance children, from the Kingsley Hall Nursery School at Dagenham, which has been a mark for Nazi raiders, are now living at Postle Hall, near Winchcombe, in the Cotswolds. Photo shows the children in the grounds of the fine Coltswold mansion. — (Copyright, Fox.)

GRAND NATIONAL

The Liverpool race-course executives announced yesterday that the Grand National Steeplechase will not be run there this year, on grounds of public safety and the transport question.

A substitute Grand National will be run, probably at Cheltenham. — Reuter.

EUROPEAN RESIDENTS ROBBED

SIX MONTHS' HARD LABOUR WAS IMPOSED ON YUEN KAN, 22, BY MR. G. T. LOWRY YESTERDAY, FOR THE THEFT OF A FILMO CAMERA AND A "SHAFER" FOUNTAIN PEN FROM MR. H. S. JONES, OF NO. 20, PEAK ROAD, AND FOR STEALING A DESK CLOCK FROM LIEUTENANT S. J. SWETLAND'S RESIDENCE AT NO. 50, THE PEAK.

According to Detective Sergeant W. Summers, defendant entered the premises through open windows. He pawned the desk clock, which was valued at \$160, for \$5 in Winch. The camera, valued at \$200, and the fountain pen, were recovered.

Defendant, who had a previous conviction, was recommended for banishment.

TIGHTENING UP IMMIGRATION AGENCY CONTROL

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

ALL AGENCIES of the newly created Immigration Office will cease to function on January 24, and will be allowed to resume operations on the following day only provided the managements agree and adhere to new conditions drawn up by the authorities, stated Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, Immigration Officer, to the "Sunday Herald" yesterday.

One of the conditions, it is learned, is to abolish exploitation by fixing the rates chargeable by the agencies for services for translation and filling in the necessary forms for applicants.

A sum of not more than one dollar is to be charged for all such services, including provision of the two necessary passport size photographs of the applicant.

The agencies are not to employ commission brokers but will, under the new conditions, have to pay all their employees, including brokers, fixed weekly or monthly salaries.

Eight N. T. Posts

Eight Immigration Posts have been established in the New Territories and are located at

Taiipo, Sheungshui, Shataukok, San Uk Ling, Lo Wu, Lok Ma Chau, Yuen Long, and at Tung Chung Island.

Recently recruited Assistant Chinese Immigration Officers will man these Posts and will not only deal with incoming traffic but will also issue necessary permits to applicants.

Two "Ellis Islands" — one, in the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company's building in Connaught Road West and the other on the O.S.K. Wharf in Connaught Road Central — have been established, the former to accommodate men, and the latter, women, who arrive in Hong Kong after January 15 without documents on filing them to land in the Colony.

"Smuggling"

Referring to junks, Mr. Forrest declared that junks employed in "smuggling" people into Hong Kong are liable to seizure. They will be watched by police launches.

No "Ellis Island" is at present to be established in the New Territories. Arrivals without the necessary documents will be sent back by the conveyance in which they arrive.

The Immigration Ordinance comes into force as from January 15.

S.P.C. FLOWER DAY

From early morning to the lunch hour yesterday, helpers, mostly from different schools in the Colony, "armed" with trays of paper flowers and collection boxes, appeared in the streets in a drive to aid the funds of the Society for the Protection of Children.

The amount collected will be announced during the week.

ROBBERY PLOT FOILED

HOW A ROBBERY PLANNED BY SIX MEN WAS FRUSTRATED BY POLICE UNDER PRINCIPAL CHINESE DETECTIVE SHEK TUI, ON FRIDAY, WAS REVEALED BEFORE MR. K. M. A. BARNETT AT KOWLOON YESTERDAY WHEN THE SIX WERE CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY TO ROB THE PRINCIPAL TENANT OF NO. 68 CHEUNGSHAWAN ROAD, TOP FLOOR.

Accused were Hui Tim, 25, Mak Lim, 25, blacksmith, Yuen Man-yip, 30, artist, Wat Shum, 25, Tam, 25, waiter, and Nai Fo, 31.

Chief Detective Inspector A. E. Carey said that at about noon on Friday, a party of police under P. C. D. Shek Tui arrested first four, fifth and sixth accused in a tenhouse in Peiho Street and one hour later, the second accused was arrested outside a house in Recreation Street.

A search at No. 68, Cheungshawan Road where third accused rented a cubicle, revealed four knives and several other instruments in the cubicle.

Third accused, who returned to the flat that evening, was arrested on his arrival. This man, alleged the prosecution, was the ring leader. He knew the principal tenant was a returned Chinese from America, and he suggested the robbery to the others.

First and second accused were given four months' hard labour, the third six months, and the fourth, fifth and sixth three months each. All were recommended for banishment.

MACAO STEAMER MASTER FINED

Captain T. Donaldson, master of the s.s. Kau Tung, was fined \$150 by Commander J. Jolly, in the Marine Court yesterday, for carrying excess passengers on Friday from Macao.

It was alleged that, when the vessel arrived, there were 947 passengers, 201 in excess. Defendant pleaded guilty. Chief Boarding Officer D. G. Cairns prosecuted.

TRAMS TO REPULSE BAY?

Mt. Nicholson Tunnel Suggested

Sir, — Will you please publish this suggestion for a tunnel under Mt. Nicholson from Happy Valley to the Staunton Valley or Little Hong Kong.

The tunnel would start at the upper end of Happy Valley near the Jewish Cemetery and come out a little to the N.W. of Shushun Hill.

Its length from portal to portal would be just about one mile, and both entrances would be less than fifty feet above sea level.

I would suggest that a spur from the Electric Tramway, which passes close to the proposed Happy Valley entrance, should run through the tunnel. Bifurcating at Little Hong Kong, one line to Deep Water and Repulse Bays, and the other to Aberdeen. The tunnel could also contain foot paths as well as tram rails, but I do not think it would be advisable to allow motor traffic as there would be ventilation difficulties such ventilation if provided would about double the cost.

I think the scheme could be carried out for about \$2,000,000 Hong Kong if no motors were provided for.

The increase in values in the Little Hong Kong area would easily pay for the cost of the tunnel.

Furthermore the tunnel could in an emergency give considerable Air Raid Shelter and unlike the present tunnels certainly be of value whether the Colony is air raided or not.

This idea has been turning over in my mind for a great many years and the present time seems suitable for the consideration of such a scheme.

I heartily recommend it to the powers that be.

C. J. Cooke.

ANNUAL MEETING

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT CHINESE STAFF RECREATION CLUB WAS HELD IN THE CLUB HOUSE, NO. 37 HENNESSY ROAD, YESTERDAY.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. Chan Kwong-wah, assisted by Mr. Robert Yuen, Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. William Yee, Hon. Secretary.

Following adoption of the annual report and statement of accounts, the following officials were elected for the ensuing year:—

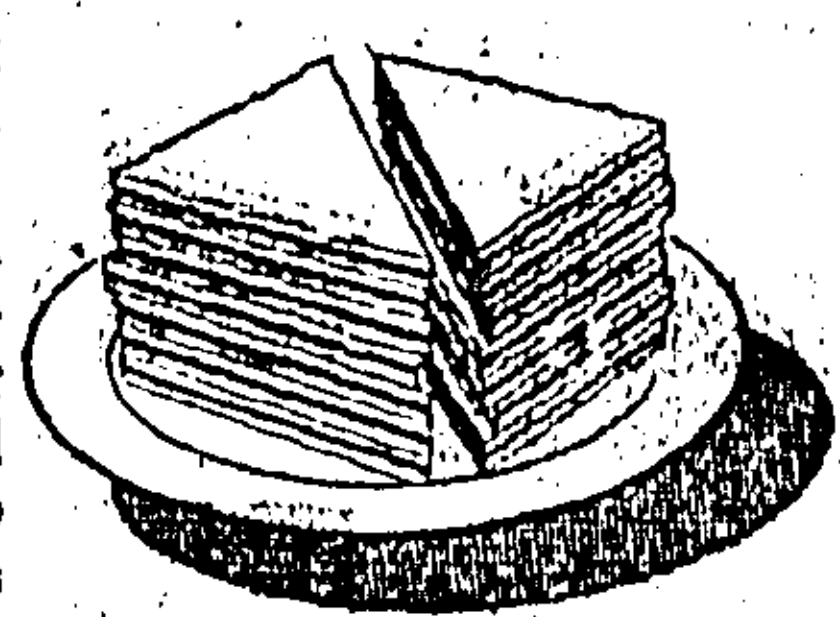
Chairman: Mr. Leung Oi-sang, Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Francis Tsang, Hon. Secretary: Mr. Cheung Man-fong.

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On Friday, 21 cases of tuberculosis, two of diphtheria, three of dysentery and one of typhoid, were reported with the Health Authorities.

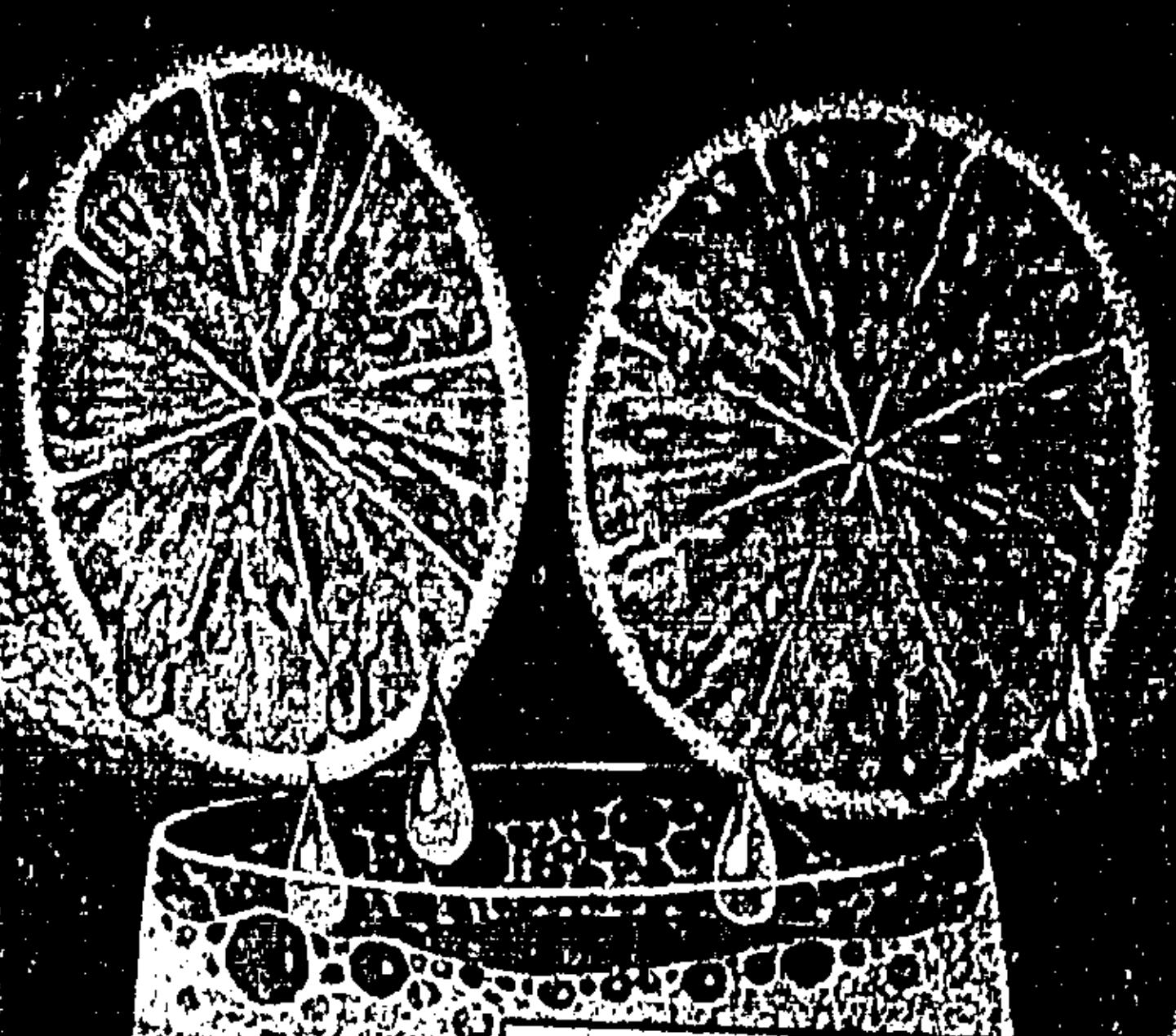
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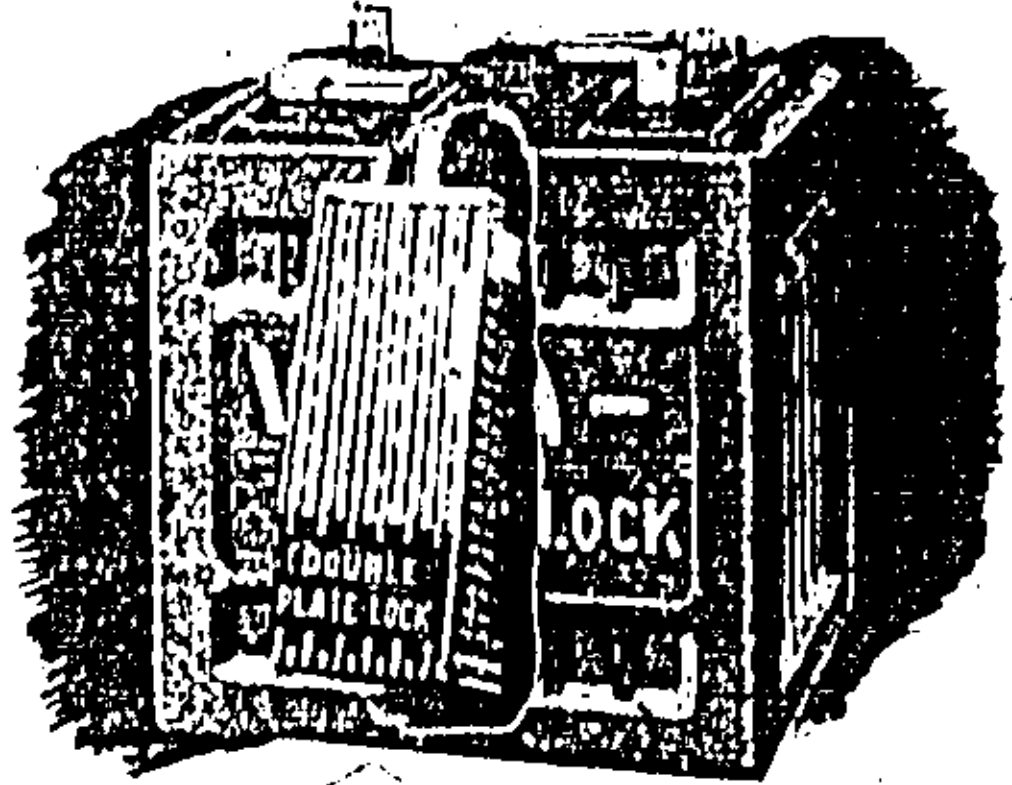
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FURTHER INCREASE IN PETROL PRICE RUMOURED

NEITHER CONFIRMATION NOR DENIAL WAS FORTHCOMING FROM OFFICIAL QUARTERS YESTERDAY REGARDING A REPORT IN CIRCULATION THAT GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO INCREASE THE TAX ON PETROLEUM BY AN ADDITIONAL 40 CENTS A GALLON, THEREBY RAISING THE RETAIL PRICE TO \$2.20 PER GALLON.

Owners of cars have indicated that they would prefer additional taxation to the introduction of a system of rationing, and this is believed to have given rise to the reports.

BURGLARY SEQUEL

Noel Sylvio, 22, odd job worker, a native of the Seychelles Islands, giving his address as No. 17, Nanking Street, third floor, was sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. E. Himsforth, at Kowloon yesterday for receiving a stolen overcoat.

A burglary charge preferred against him was dismissed by the magistrate for lack of evidence. After conviction, it was revealed that he had a previous conviction for burglary.

When questioned yesterday about further taxation, the competent Government spokesman declined to give a direct answer, but said: "There is no harm in thinking so."

As announced by the "Sunday Herald" a fortnight ago, the Government has had under consideration the question of rationing petrol supplies.

The price of petrol was recently increased with the object of reducing consumption and figure are being studied to see whether the desired effect is being produced.

Economy Demanded
The endeavour is to reduce the colony's total consumption to a figure which is an official secret and this may be achieved, if the existing price level does not compel sufficient economy, by a further price increase or by rationing.

Rationing offers so many complications that Government is not anxious to introduce it if the desired result can be reached by some other method.

found on him.

Pleading not guilty, accused stated that he bought the overcoat from a Chinese whom he was unable to locate.



A picture taken at the end of November looking down Regent Street, showing the busy stream of traffic passing through this famous shopping centre. (Copyright, Fox.)

Wu Tse-Tien And Buddhism

THERE WAS A LARGE GATHERING AT THE FUNG PING SHAN LIBRARY OF THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY ON FRIDAY WHEN AT A MEETING OF THE SINO-BRITISH CULTURAL ASSOCIATION, PROF. TSEH YIN-KOH, PROFESSOR OF MEDIEVAL CHINESE HISTORY OF THE TSING HWA UNIVERSITY AND VISITING PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, GAVE A LECTURE ON "WU TSE-TIEN AND BUDDHISM." PROF. HSU TI-SHAN PRESIDED.

In the course of his lecture, Prof. Tseh said his object was to attempt an explanation of the influence Emperor Wu received from the religious faith of his family on her mother's side, and, secondly, the special privilege which he enjoyed as an imperial prince and again as the political head of the country.

"Of the royal families of the period known as the Northern and Southern Dynasties," the Professor continued, "the Shao of Liang, the ruler of the Yang of Su in the North are the only houses that had close relation with the Buddhist religion. At the beginning of Tang, these houses were both descendants of an overthrown dynasty. Though they had lost most, if not all, of their political influence, yet their culture which had been inherited from generations past, was continued without swerve or diminished ardour, in spite of their political setback."

"Buddhism was suppressed by the Emperor Wu Ti of Northern Zhou, and it was only revived by Emperor Wen Ti of Su after he had overthrown the former house. As Tang succeeded Su, Taoist priests gained the upper hand, by virtue of the fact that Liang-tzu was of the same surname as the dynasty house. But Emperor Tang Tai-tsung was a shrewd monarch and he seemed also to believe in the Buddhist teachings. After the overthrow of Su, it was natural for the followers of Buddhism to try and regain their lost positions."

The lecturer pointed out that as in the case of descendants from the royal house of Liang, the descendants of the royal house of Su too inherited the religious beliefs of their ancestors, and as Emperor Wu Ti's mother, Lady Yang-kuo, was a direct descendant of the royal house of Su, it was not surprising to find her a devotee of Buddhism. He showed that Lady Yang-kuo had great influence in the imperial court with her daughter.

Tseh then assumed the role of emperor in spite of her being a female, she was giving rise to an unprecedented phase of political development in Chinese history. If she wished to justify her special position, such justification could not be found in the Confucian creed and canon. This being so, it followed that when she came to enhance the dynasty of Tang into Chow, she must have recourse to the Buddhist prophecies found in the Buddhist sutras as a pretext for her political actions.

The so-called Mahamegha Sutra, or Ta-Yun-shing, which Empress Wu Tseh caused to be published and distributed all over her empire in order to substantiate the prophecy of her divine mission, is one of the sutras belonging to the Mahayana School. But the fact remains that the original of this sutra was from India and not a sham production of China.

In conclusion Prof. Tseh said, "The fact that Buddhism after being superseded by Taoism at the beginning of the Tang Dynasty, was able, at the time of Wu Tseh, to restore its former influence was indeed due to a complex of causes; nevertheless, one of the main causes was undoubtedly that the teachings in the Buddhist scriptures supplied the woman monarch a convenient theory for her political ends that she was unable to find anywhere else."

The lecturer was thanked by Prof. L. Forster.

A LITTLE
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UNSHAKEN

Hongkong Fire Brigade To Be Augmented

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

ADDITIONAL UP-TO-DATE equipment is being purchased and more personnel is being recruited and trained intensively to maintain the fullest standards of efficiency in fire-fighting in the Colony, stated Mr. F. C. Fitz-Henry, newly-appointed as Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, in an interview with the "Sunday Herald" yesterday.

Under the expansion scheme, the combined strength of the regular Fire Brigade and the Auxiliary Fire Service, will eventually exceed 1,000 officers and men.

The European officers which numbered only nine two years ago have been increased to 13. This, stated the Fire Brigade's Chief Officer, is due to present-day conditions which demand that the technical and fire-fighting branches of the service must keep to the highest standards of efficiency to cope with industrial advancement and with circumstances arising from the war which place fire brigades in the forefront of civil defence services.

Big Pumping Units

Among the additional equipment are four high-powered heavy pumping units, each of a capacity of 1,250 gallons per minute.

These units should prove very satisfactory to the Colony as they are most suitable to cope with the topographical features peculiar to the Colony, with recurring water shortages, and convertible in wartime when the water mains may be put out of action.

Mr. Fitz-Henry revealed that members of the Auxiliary Fire Service are now being trained four nights a week under Fire Brigade's Superintendent and Training Officer, Mr. J. Woodland.

"News from Britain," pointed out the Chief Officer, "shows that the Auxiliary Fire Service has excelled itself and has proved a reserve of a first-class order to the regular fire brigades."

36 Auxiliary Posts

"We have the material for the Hong Kong Auxiliary Fire Ser-

vice," added Mr. Fitz-Henry, "to ensure that it will do its duty equally well if the time comes, and although local building construction in certain congested districts presents a serious problem, I have no doubt that the force under its Superintendent, Mr. D. H. Blake, will obey all calls on it to the best of its ability."

Besides the regular fire stations, there are now 36 Auxiliary fire posts in Victoria and Kowloon. These can be manned within a few minutes in an emergency.

It may be recalled that the appointment of Mr. Fitz-Henry as Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, the police relinquished authority over the organisation which became "independent" from the beginning of the year.

Although the Commissioner of Police has relinquished authority over the Fire Brigade, the public can rest assured that mutual co-operation between the two departments will nevertheless continue in the past" declared Mr. Fitz-Henry.

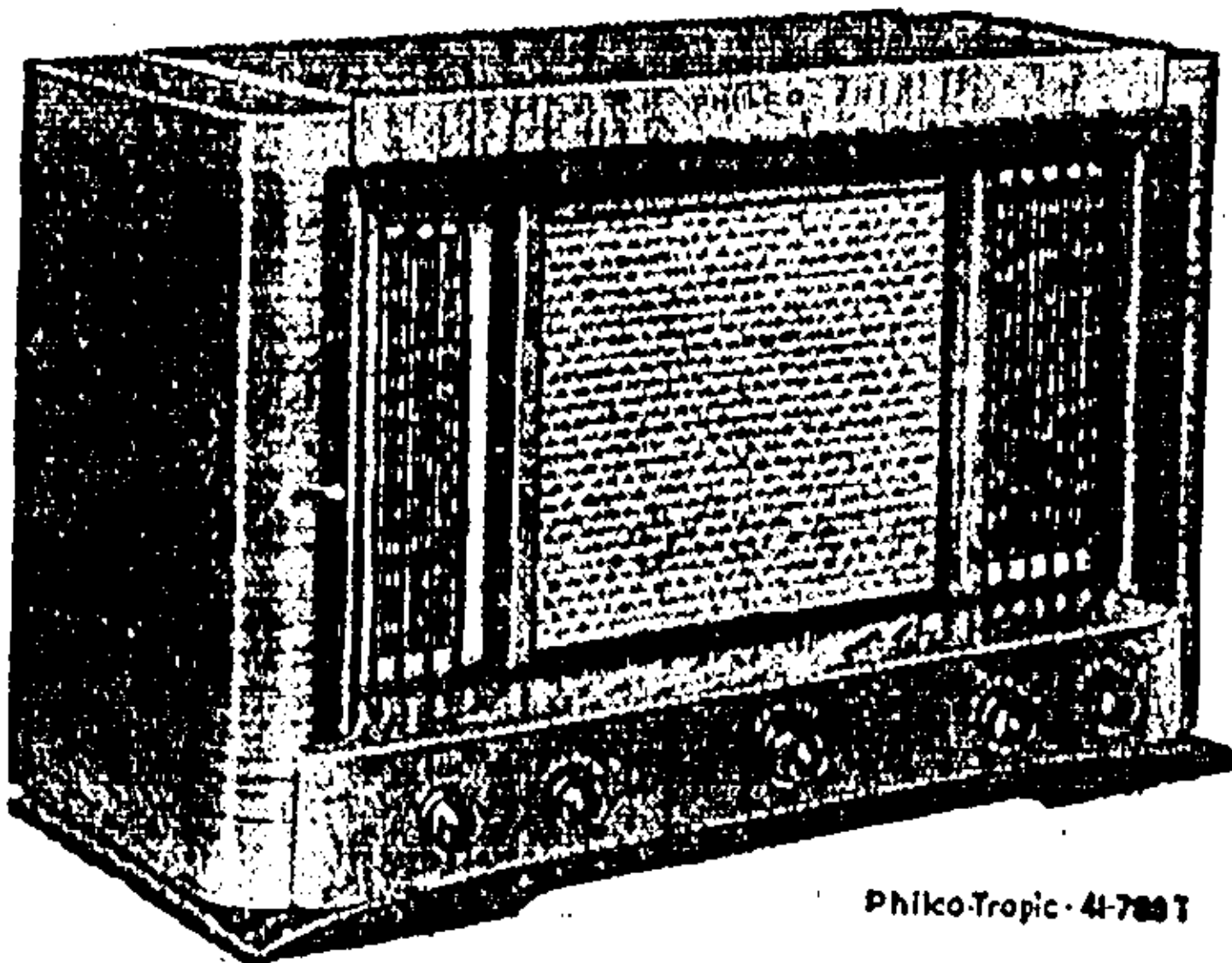
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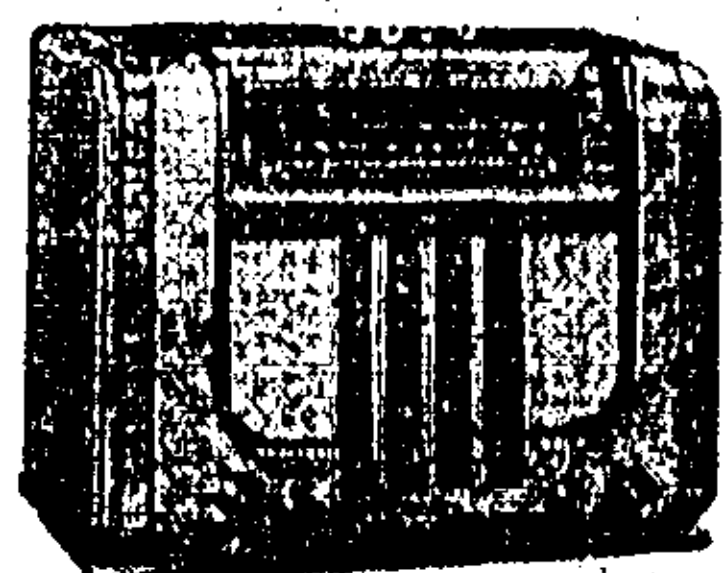
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DODWELL'S REPORT LOSS OF OVER \$6,000

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SUCCESS OF CHINA TRADE FAIR

The Hong Kong Chinese Manufacturers' Union have received the following communication from Capt. S. H. Batty-Smith, A.D.C., in reply to a letter from the Chairman who, on behalf of manufacturers, presented His Excellency the Acting Governor with samples of their products:

Dear Sir, — I am directed by His Excellency the Acting Governor to thank you for your kind letter of January 3, and to ask you to convey his sincere thanks to the many exhibitors who so kindly sent him samples of their products, which he has great pleasure in accepting. All of these he has personally examined with much interest. Some he is keeping for his personal use, some will be used for the general purposes of his household, some will be placed on the inventory of Government House, and others he has sent to those who have greater need of them, or can make better use of them than he, namely the poor and suffering, the Department of Air Raid Precautions, the British War Organisation Fund, the Military Authorities, and the Police.

It was a very great disappointment to His Excellency that, owing to his illness, his medical advisers entirely forbade him to make the two further visits to the Exhibition which he had planned. He did, however, send many prominent persons to visit it, including certain exceedingly important visitors to the Colony, who were surprised at and interested in the varied range and excellent quality of the exhibits. His Excellency is highly gratified to hear of the great success of the Exhibition, and wishes it ever increasing success in the years to come. He hopes that it may one day be the whole of South China, and perhaps to the Far East in general, what the British Industries Fair is in Europe.

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For The Sake Of Argument

IT is usually easier to talk big than to talk little. Phrases like "world chaos" and "disruption of the economic fabric of society" fall impressively from the lips of many people who really have no idea of what they are talking about.

If you asked them to come off their high horse and describe for you, in plain, precise, dispassionate language, the actual situation which had occurred in one small village, or the actual fluctuations and disasters of one small trade, they would be stumped.

It is thus when we discuss the outcome of the present war, particularly when somebody (for the sake of argument) tries to imagine what would happen if we lost it. Talk grows very big indeed then, as of course it should. Annals of India, fire through the East, the collapse of gold as an international standard of value, darkness over Africa, famine at home, plague sweeping the earth.

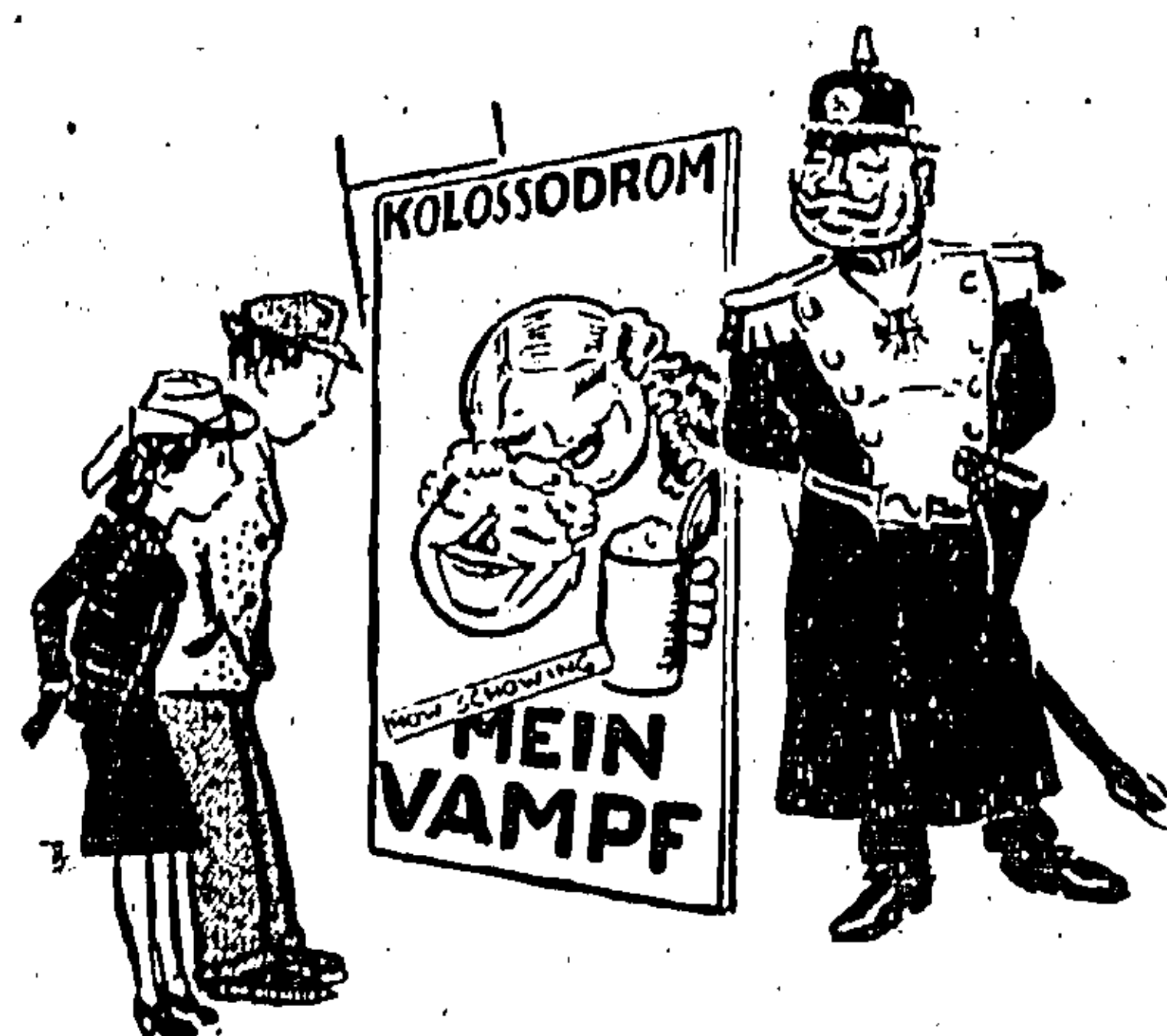
These are but a few of the diversions awaiting us, according to the prophets of disaster. The prophets are right.

All the same, I do wish they wouldn't talk quite so big. It is too easy. It's also too unreal—like a film. And because it's unreal it is no spur to action.

That's what I might spend the end of his days in a cave among the ruins of Hampstead, occasionally scrambling out to dig for roots on the Heath, and he would merely blink, and ponder, and mentally contrast himself with Johnny Weissmuller—who would certainly be cast for such a role, if the worst came to the worst.

But tell him that he would only be allowed to read one newspaper, that German officials would stamp into his house and carry off his wireless; that he would have to have a coupon for his beer ration (four half-pints a week); that for the Cup Final would be substituted a grand parade in aid of "Winter Relief"; that the local cinema would show films exclusively devoted to the glorification of Teutonic Ideals; that the singing of "Rule, Britannia!" would be a criminal offence (punishable with a few years in the central concentration camp at Hyde Park)—tell him these, which are indeed a very mild foretaste of the discomforts he would suffer if he lost the war, and he begins to sit up and take notice.

I have been sitting up and taking notice myself. The occasion was the clearing out of an old file. As it was very heavy, I went through it to see what I could discard. And there I found an old letter from my German publishers



By Beverley Nichols

about the translation of a book called "Down the Garden Path." It was dated 1933 (two years after Hitler came to real power), and in language of astonishing pomposity it informed me that owing to the new "cultural ideals" which the Fuehrer had been gracious enough to give to Germany, I would doubtless understand that considerable portions of "Down the Garden Path" would now be unsuitable for German consumption, and that a new translation was in preparation, which it was hoped that I would sanction. I started all about it. Years ago, I remember, it had just seemed to me a good joke. My little book, of all books the most innocent, devoted to the joys of the spade and the song of the seed and the ballad of the blowing branch... my silly little book, which had no conceivable connection with politics, or economics, or sex, or anything whatsoever of an agitating nature... to be banned! It was really too funny.

But as I stared at that letter, I wondered if "funny" was quite the right word. In the light of all that has happened since 1933, the

ter grew dark before me. And in the darkness I seemed to see shadows moving. They were not pretty shadows.

They took strange shapes. Some of them stalked out in front of the curtain at the theatre and looked at the intimidated audience during the performance of a revue.

Others glided behind the desks of publishers, snatching pages of manuscript and submitting them to remorseless scrutiny. Yet more were to be seen mingling with the crowds under the lamp posts in Hyde Park, taking notes.

More and more thickly they flocked, these shadows—they were in the galleries of the House of Commons; at the private view of the Royal Academy; at every place where men and women meet together. Some of them were even dressed as domestic servants—for I well remember an unorthodox German telling me that he lived in daily terror of his butler who was employed by the Gestapo.

The defeatist might say "we'd get used even to that!"

I don't think so. It would kill us, literally kill us, as surely as if we were shut in a room from which the air were gradually excluded.

And that, to me, is a more hideous prospect than living in a cave on Hampstead Heath, eating roots, or carrying on a nomadic existence in the ruins of Hammersmith.

What'll We Do?

A new situation was stated frankly and unequivocally a short time ago by Miss Eleanor Rathbone, M.P., who wrote:

"The lives of a dozen average women just now are worth less to the country than one efficient soldier or male worker, and so should be proportionately more freely risked. The national interest must overcome every other sentiment."

The logic of this is unanswerable (so long, of course, as you accept the hypothesis that the national interest is paramount, which you had better do—at least in public). Yet confusion will continue so long as the public is confronted with two opposite and conflicting rates of conduct, namely: (a) Women and Children First; (b) Men and Children First.

Clarity on this point is urgent. Our cause is in danger while, at any moment, a man may risk his life for a female worth only one-twelfth his value on the hoof.

HAVING got thus far, we must admit that while we have settled women's relative importance, we have not defined her function in Total War. In view of the estimate that one soldier or male worker is worth 12 women, the following practical suggestion leaps immediately to the mind:

Every soldier or male worker should have a body-guard of 12 women.

It will doubtless go against the grain of a gentleman to use a lady as a sandbag, but the national interest must overcome every other sentiment.

Besides, the situation will not last long. It has been noted that in the defence of her charges, the female of the species is more deadly than the male. In the process of defending men, therefore, it is more than probable that women will develop military qualities superior to those of the male.

We shall then discover that women make better soldiers than men. In that case one woman will be worth 12 men, and it will once more be the duty of the men to safeguard the women.

MEANWHILE, I do not deny that some of you will have difficulty in readjusting yourselves to the changed relations between the sexes. You who are fathers will have to forego new problems regarding the teaching of correct behaviour to your sons.

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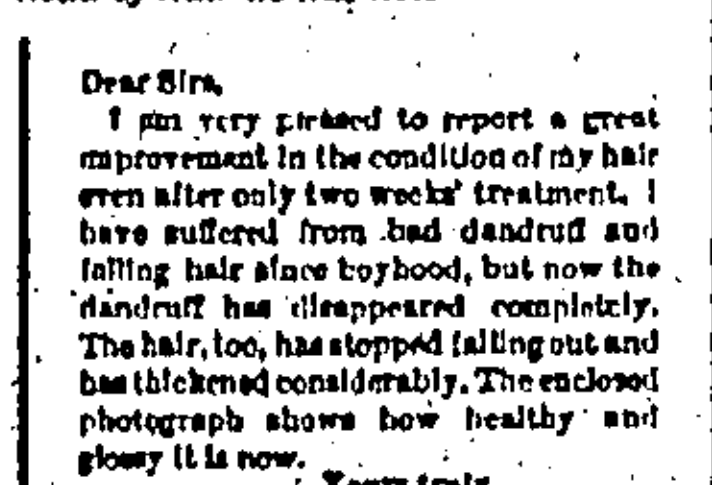
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AMONG local residents who appeared in the New Year Honours List was Principal Chinese Detective Shek Tui, and many must have wondered who he was, since he appears but seldom in the public eye. He is the Colony's outstanding Chinese detective and the Colonial Police Medal which has been awarded him is certainly well deserved, an examination of his record showed us. This is no honour that has been handed out just for length of service to the Crown but one that has been well and truly earned.

SHEK Tui, who is now in his 52nd year, is a native of Tung Kuen who joined the Hong Kong Police as a constable in 1911. He soon showed that he was the type of man who would be wasted just pounding his feet flat on city pavements and in 1915 Shek Tui was transferred to the C.I.D. The year 1923 was one of the times he appeared in the public eye, for in that year he was awarded a medal by Sir Reginald S. Subbs, then Governor of the Colony, for having solved two tricky robberies in one week. He was also promoted to Detective Sergeant.

SIR Reginald had the pleasure of giving him the Police Medal, Fourth Class, on June 4th the following year after he daintily tackled and arrested a bunch of robbers in Canton Road. He continued to build up a fine record. On June 20th Shek Tui battled with robbers who attempted to rob a house in Wauwung Street, and for this he was given a medal by Sir Cecil Clementi, who had assumed the Governorship of Hong Kong. Two months later—on August 24th, to be exact—Shek Tui arrested some more robbers who had been busy in a house in Tung Hing Road, and for this he was awarded special merits by the Commissioner of Police, who repeated the treatment "ag before" in 1926 after Shek Tui had frustrated an attempt at robbery and arrested the would-be thieves in Shantung Street.

ON July 1st, 1927, he was promoted to Crown Sergeant and appointed to be in charge of the Chinese detective office at Wanchai Police Station. In August of that same year, he solved a big robbery at a Police Reservist's house, following up clues provided by a donor. In September, 1929, he solved a double murder which had occurred at Wing Lok Wharf and effected the arrest of robbers who had stolen a gold bar from a steam launch in the harbour.

IN October, 1929, Sincere's silverware department was the

Mainly about People

subject of a particularly big robbery. Shek Tui was put on the case and within two days had arrested the crooks and recovered the stolen property. On July 3, 1931, he was awarded the Police Medal Third Class by Sir William Peel, Governor. In 1925, he was promoted to Principal Chinese Detective and appointed to lead all Chinese detectives in Kowloon.

IN 1937, he appeared before Sir William Peel again, this time to receive the Police Medal, Second Class, while 1938 saw him awarded the justly coveted Police Medal, First Class. During his 30 years of service with the Hong Kong Police, Shek Tui has been awarded merits and medals no less than 15 times and during the past seven years alone has solved no less than four "front-page" robberies and three "head-line" murders.

General Wavell

"If I had to take one quality as the mark of a really great commander, I should call it the spirit of adventure. He must have at least a touch of the gambler." The scene is the Royal United Service Institute, London; the time, four and a half years ago; the speaker, General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief, Middle East—the man in charge of the Western Desert

troops in Palestine and Trans-Jordan. During 1938 and 1939, he was G.O.C. in C. Southern Command, and then when the Middle East became a theatre of war he was appointed to his present post, that of Commander-in-Chief, Middle East.

SO much for the bare facts of the record. What many people do not appear to appreciate is that with the fall of France, Wavell had to scrap all the plans he had carefully prepared, for these plans called for the co-operation of the French forces. With the sudden collapse of French resistance, he found himself faced with the task of guarding alone such vital objectives as the naval base at Alexandria, the oil outlet at Haifa and, of course, the Suez Canal. The troops at his disposal were the British forces in the Middle East, the Polish Brigade under Colonel Kopinski and, to-day, some of General De Gaulle's Free French forces, and it must have gladdened his heart to see these victors of France not only doing their bit in the present campaign but doing it with all the traditional dash and élan of the real polio.

WAVELL is an enthusiastic admirer of the famous Allenby, whom, indeed, he considers the best general since Wellington.



Returning to their quarters at the end of the day's work. A delightful picture with members of the Women's Land Army at work on a Lincolnshire farm. (Copyright, Fox.)

campaign which is showing the world that the Italian troops are the equal of the Italian Navy when it comes to rapid retreats.

THERE is probably no man better fitted to fill the post he now holds. Certainly no one on the general staff has a better knowledge of Near East warfare than this 57-year-old Scot. During the last war, Wavell was Chief of Staff under Allenby, and it was then that he acquired that knowledge of desert warfare which stood him in such good stead when he commanded the British forces in Palestine and Trans-Jordan from August, 1937, to April 1938, and in the Western Desert to-day.

LIKE GENERAL De Gaulle, General Wavell is one of those "ar-sighted" men who were laughed at a few years back when they predicted the very tactics the Nazis are using now. Four years ago, Wavell led a British military mission to Russia, and he was among the first to see parachute troops at work. In a statement to the Soviet press, he is quoted as saying: "We greatly admired the work of the paratroopers. They demonstrated a brilliant spectacle of courage and good training." He found few people back home, however, who would take parachute troops seriously. As a peace-line stunt it was all very well (they scoffed), but fancy trying to land infantry behind the enemy lines under actual war conditions! Like General De Gaulle, Wavell has had the somewhat dubious pleasure of seeing time prove the correctness of his views.

BORN in 1883, Wavell was educated at Winchester College, the R.M.C., Sandhurst, and the Staff College. Appointed to the Black Watch in 1901, he served in the South African War, getting a medal with four clasps, got another medal with clasp for service in 1908 on the Indian frontier, and again won active service during the Great War. After serving in France from 1914 to 1916, being wounded and getting the M.C., Wavell was appointed Military Attaché with the Russian Army in the Caucasus, a post he held from October, 1916, to June, 1917, and for which the Orders of St. Vladimir and St. Stanislaus were bestowed on him. From 1917 to 1920, he was with the Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

PROMOTIONS came rapidly after that—Major-General in 1923 and Lieutenant-General in 1928. From 1930 to 1934, he was Commander of the 6th Infantry Brigade at Aldershot, and after a brief period as A.D.C. to the King was appointed Commander of the 2nd Division, Aldershot, post he held from 1935 to 1937, when he command-

ed the troops in Palestine and Trans-Jordan. During 1938 and 1939, he was G.O.C. in C. Southern Command, and then when the Middle East became a theatre of war he was appointed to his present post, that of Commander-in-Chief, Middle East.

ZBW Again!

FEW weeks back we made a comment or two about the absurdity of an announcement by ZBW's mikesmen about "going over to London for a relay of the news," pointing out that what actually happened was that we went over to ZBW's short-wave receiver for a relay of the news from London. One or two of the announcers—no doubt the type that believe in improving their minds—apparently read this column, because they changed their spiel to "we will now relay the news from London."

Slam At Hong Kong

TO hand, an Australian paper which seems to specialise in sex and sex scandals—and we are much more indignant at what seemed to us a quite unjustified sneer at Hong Kong. The case concerned a 14-year-old lassie who alleged that not only had she been seduced by her step-father three weeks after her mother died but also that intimate relations had occurred between her and a 50-year-old intimate by marriage. We're not going into the sordid details, but what did annoy us was the fact that the story started off by commenting "if it had happened in Hong Kong, where we are led to believe, strange things do happen, it might have sounded so bizarre." Stewie! And here we've been grumbling because so much of Hong Kong is as conservative as a stiff shirt!

Thought For The Week

"WHEN I have seen the great ones of the earth, so upright and so dignified, sitting in state, I have often asked myself whether at such moments they ever remembered how their minds in solitude were sometimes occupied and whether it ever made them uneasy to think of the secrets that their subliminal self harboured. It seems to me that the knowledge that these reveries are common to all men should inspire one with tolerance to oneself as well as to others."

"It is well also if they enable us to look upon our fellows, even the most eminent and respectable, with humour and if they lead us to take ourselves not too seriously. When I have heard judges on the bench moralising withunction I have asked myself whether it was possible for them to have forgotten their humanity so completely as their words suggested. I wished that beside his bunch of flowers at the Old Bailey, his lordship had a packet of toilet paper. It would remind him that he was a man like any other."

"I ASKED from nobody more than he could give me. I had learnt toleration. I was pleased with the goodness of my fellows. I was not distressed by their badness. I had acquired independence of spirit. I had learnt to go my own way without bothering with what others thought about it. I demanded freedom for myself and I was prepared to give freedom to others. It is easy to laugh and shrug your shoulders when people act badly to others; it is much more difficult when they act badly to you. I have not found it impossible."



The annual Year Book of the H.K.V.D.C., which Captain C. de Salles Robertson (above) has edited for the last six years, is out for 1940 and is as lively and entertaining as ever, two of its cartoons being distinctly of the Esquire variety. The result must be especially pleasing to the editor as being only recently back from leave, he has had to compress a great deal of work into a short time. The entire proceeds this year from a nominal charge of 25 cents are to be handed to the Bomber Fund.

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"THE conclusion I came to about men I put into the mouth of a man I met on board ship in the China Seas. 'I'll give you my opinion of the human race in a nutshell, brother,' I made him say. 'Their heart's in the right place, but their head is a thoroughly inefficient organ.'—From Somerset Maugham's autobiography, 'The Swimming Pool.'

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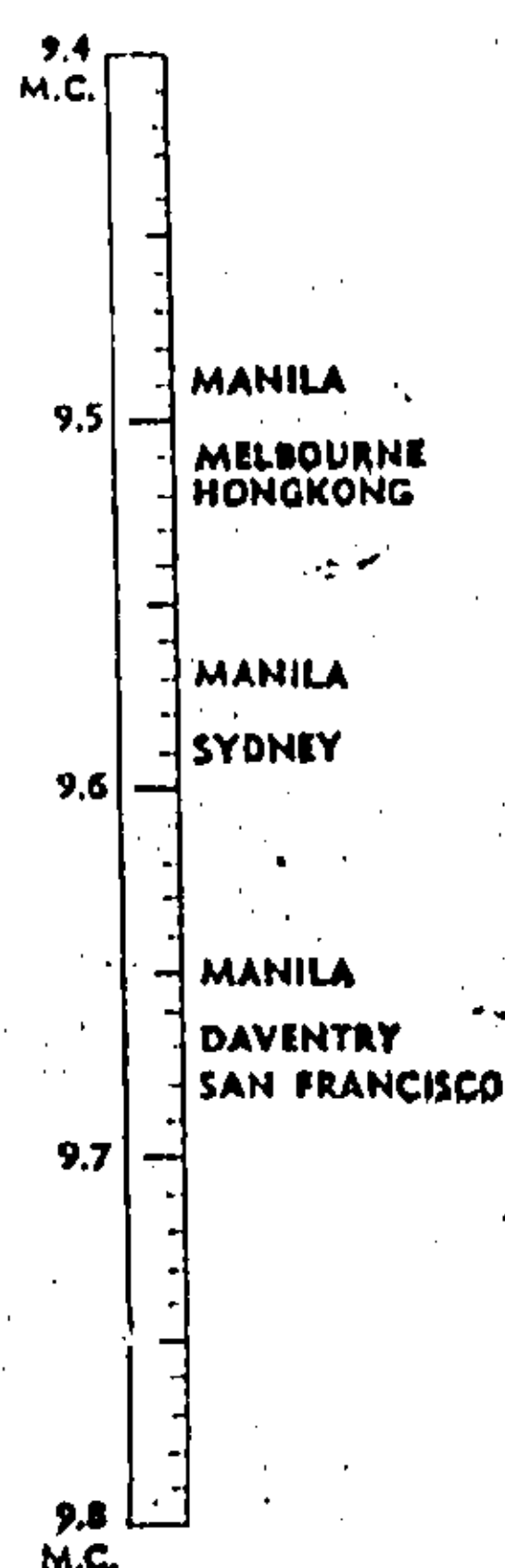
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TO the era of national, distinguished from dynastic wars may be traced the first attempts to endow nations with distinct individualities, to personify them by allegorical figures.

John Bull, for instance, was a creation of George III's time; he had a good deal of the Farmer King in him. But neither then, nor in any period since then, has the bluff old gentleman in top boots and country attire represented in any way more than a very small part of the English people. As Professor Pollard put it in his *History of England*, "the conventional stolidity ascribed to John Bull has been the least obvious of English characteristics."

John Massfield goes farther than this; he denies that the "national emblem" has any English traits in him at all.

"I have seen many images of John Bull, but none showing him as a person who would think, or pray, or fight, or be courteous or chivalrous or merciful, or practice any art or sing or make love, or do a decent day's work, or have an enlightened idea, or be tolerable company under any circumstances whatsoever."

The Poet Laureate finds John Bull, not merely not English, but not even human!

Was Uncle Sam ever typical of the American people? Or Marianne of the French? No; they are as meaningless as John Bull. The Germans have never settled on a single national figure; they could not decide between the German Michael and a fat blonde dame called Germania. Now they are personified by an Austrian with a sweep of black hair and a tooth-brush moustache, as they were a generation ago by a figure cloaked and silver-helmeted, with a fixed glare in his gaze and a large Schnurrbart comically turned up at the ends.

As the Italian emblem for the moment stands Mussolini. So Napoleon stood during a short epoch for the French. But the volcanic Corsican was far from representing vast numbers of reasoning, peace-loving Frenchmen. Nor does his imitator on a small scale in Rome exhibit, for all his melodramatic theatricality, any qualities that can be called specially Italian.

Can we ever say truly that a man is typical of what is called "national character"? Nelson is

often said to have embodied that of the English, raised to a high degree. Actually Nelson was not, either in merits or defects, in the least like what the English are supposed to be. He was inordinately vain, talked at times in a manner foolish and offensive, paraded a vulgar mistress, aided with one of the worst tyrannies in Europe against its unhappy subjects.

Nelson's reputation as a typical Englishman was due to his ability for naval warfare. "Bellona rules the waves," Nelson cleared the enemy off them; therefore

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Nelson was a "representative Briton." Italy had also that little conferred on him, though he was the exact opposite of Nelson—respectable in private life, serious, modest, sensible; and vastly inferior as a commander-in-chief.

Milton and Shakespeare, again, were opposites in everything save the possession of poetic genius. Which was the more representative of an English "character"? We can ask the same question about Cromwell and Clarendon, Bunyan and Buckingham, Samuel Johnson and John Wilkes, Palmerston and Bright.

If we seek outstanding types of American character, are we to choose Washington or Benjamin Franklin, Lincoln or Grant, Nathaniel Hawthorne or Henry James, William Jennings Bryan or Colonel House? These pairs had scarcely anything in common. Of almost all famous men American or British, or of other nationality, it can be said that they were individually unlike any standard figure supposed to represent the nations to which they belonged.

Nor do we discover that the undistinguished are any truer to an imaginary type. There are in every nation infinite varieties of temperament and disposition, as there are of feature and stature, facial expression and bodily shape. If we are ever tempted to say "That man is a typical . . . whatever it may be, we are pretty certain to discover sooner or later some trait which makes our conclusion absurd.

To this it may be objected that individuals who differ widely from

one another act in a similar way when they form crowds. That is true, but it does not follow that a national character necessarily arises from the behaviour of the mass of a nation.

This might follow if that behaviour could be foreseen, if it were consistent, if it sprang from principle or accorded with some faith, some theory of the universe.

What we find, whether we read history or examine current happenings, is that national behaviour follows no set course, conforms with no set of beliefs or conditions, can be twisted in any direction by skilful manipulations of herd emotion.

Thus the English, in spite of their professed religious "character" and in spite of their bent that as "sportsmen" they are generous to beaten foes, have laid to their charge acts so bitterly vindictive as to shock the conscience of the world. Such acts, it must be remembered, are not committed by nations, but by men who for the time being are in charge of national affairs.

At other moments, under more enlightened ministers of State, they allowed acts of generous wisdom to be performed. Contrasts like these mark the behaviour of all nations.

What follows from this?

That real or imaginary persons may illustrate at moments national moods (which they themselves have probably induced); but that never have there been typical English or Americans, French or Germans, nor could any symbolic figure be made to do more than exalt or satirize this or that quality in them, a certain virtue, a particular defect. Even then it would be almost certainly inexact to call such a defect or virtue national.

The English are credited with a national character, persistent that it has endured since the ages of the Crusades.

A hundred years ago the English were accounted to be, in the phrase of Emerson, "of all men those who stood firmest in their shoes," while in the sixteenth century Pope Eugenius IV had signalled their "wavering and unsettled lightness," which was the reputation they then had, as other testimonies prove.

In the sixteenth century the English had the reputation of be-

ing heavy drinkers and roysters; in the middle of the seventeenth visitors from abroad complained of their plous formality and aversion from pleasure; later they reported that the English Court was more licentious in its amusements than any other.

Each comment was true—of a certain section. The mass of the nation deserved none of them. It pursued its occupations without going to extremes in any direction—ne does the mass of every nation.

All these masses are very much alike. They have no special characters. These are to be discerned only in a small number, not always the same number, even if the same group is chosen for analysis. It is liable to change to take up fresh fashions, to follow a new lead.

There come moments when nations are united by a common fervour, but these are quickly gone. Nor do they at such moments display the characteristics usually allotted to them. Under the influence of mass emotion I have seen the "stolid" English become wildly excitable, the "mercenary" French gloomy, the "businesslike" Americans foolishly vindictive, the "kindly" Germans sadistically cruel. Not all of them, but the greater part even, but enough to make their mood appear "national."

Certain characteristics which belong only to a section are called "national." Into this mistake even so international a mind as that of Goethe (great German poet, 1749-1832) could fall.

He judged the English from the young travelling Englishmen whom he saw at Weimar. They were rich, most of them were aristocratic. He struck him as being convinced that "they were lords everywhere and the whole world belonged to them."

From the particular, Goethe argued the general; from the sectional, the national. The English, he said, were people who had the courage to be what nature had made them. "There is nothing violated, half-way, or crooked about them; such as they are, they are complete men."

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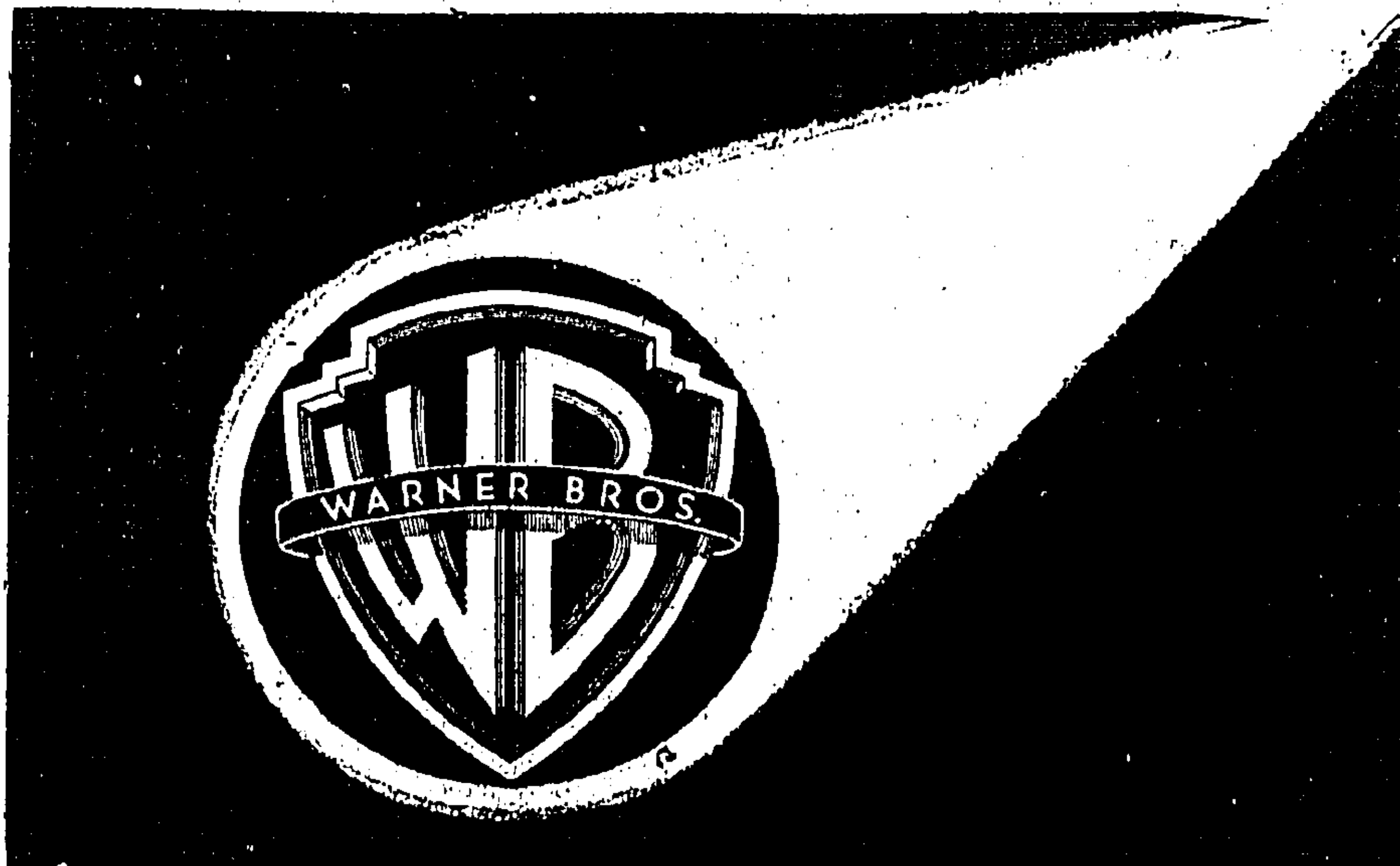
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HOPE STIRRING

When the Ankara radio said the other day that the smashing British victory in the Western Desert had paved the way for new political developments, the Turkish speaker had in mind principally a rally of Arabians to the British side and the stirring of Syria against the threat of Nazi domination. There will, however, be ever wider repercussions than these. Among all the peoples languishing in Germany's grip a current of hope is stirring, and nowhere more strongly than in occupied and unoccupied France. American observers in Europe have already noted signs that the French people are awakening from the stupor of defeat. "At home and in the empire," wrote one of the shrewdest of these correspondents last month, "the French are returning to consciousness. History will decide whether the Government should have moved to Africa last June, but the latest developments show that the scene is quickly shifting thither. . . . France is stirring in her strait-jacket, and events are shaping which may prove that the French are a factor to be reckoned with in the African campaign." Of a sudden, with the British advance, that campaign has flared into a war of the most furious movement—a blitzkrieg which has set the pillars of Mussolini's African empire rocking to their foundations. And much else is being shaken with them. Hitler's whole "new order" in Europe trembles to this blow at his partner's power, and the conviction of the men of Vichy, that they chose rightly in abandoning a struggle which the indomitable British have carried on, is surely weakened by the fresh demonstration at Bardia and Tobruk of Britain's ability not only to survive but to launch a victorious offensive.

A great many Frenchmen, and particularly the soldiers in northern Africa, feel a sense of regret and shame that Libya has been invaded without their aid. Only six months ago their panic-stricken leaders cast the destiny of France at Hitler's feet, and here are their former British comrades in arms, alone, delivering the strokes by which the French African empire may be saved. Well may Frenchmen wonder now whether De Gaulle did not stand more truly than Petain and Laval for the honour and integrity of France. No doubt the aged Marshal has deep thoughts of his own on the subject. He has cast Laval from office, "for high reasons of internal policy," being most careful to explain to his Nazi overlords that the change has nothing to do with French relations with Germany. Hitler may or may not believe it. Laval was his pliant tool, and he cannot hope to find in the less Anglophobe Flaudin an instrument quite so obedient to his will. But even Hitler, though he appears to hold metropolitan France in the hollow of his hand, has now to move cautiously at Vichy. Were he to press Marshal Petain too hard there might be a reaction in Africa, where General Weygand unaccountably lingers. Weygand has been at pains to proclaim from French Morocco the identity of his policies with those of Marshal Petain. But, though the chief of the new French State is taking all sorts of care not to offend Germany, nobody can say how far his policies are fitting in with her designs. What may be fairly assumed is that both of these veteran soldiers are clinging to the hope of keeping the French colonial empire out of the Axis clutches, are refusing to consider a final peace while the war against Britain continues, and are watching with the most intense and calculating interest the progress of Sir Archibald Wavell's campaign.

A German newspaper, commenting on the British victory, refers to the possibility of Italy collapsing "like a house of cards." That is unlikely to happen—yet. The blows dealt to Fascism in Egypt, and Albania, however, are serious enough to have altered the whole aspect of the war.

Lend And Lease

By Walter
Lippmann

WITH the announcement of President Roosevelt's plan to help Great Britain by lending her arms, the United States passes from large promises carried out shyly and partially by the United States to a more definite and openly and honestly avowed. The more the plan is studied the more sure it will be to receive the support of the American people.

For it is a sound plan, based entirely on the principle of all aid to Great Britain short of war; it is an effective plan for the immediate strengthening of American national defence; it is a far-sighted and wise plan for the insurance of the vital interest of the United States during the war, after the war, and whatever the course and outcome of the war.

The basic principle of the plan is that the total war resources of America shall be controlled by the United States Government and used only for the defence of American interests. It does away with one stroke with the whole national defence; it is a far-sighted and wise plan for the insurance of the vital interest of the United States during the war, after the war, and whatever the course and outcome of the war.

As a result of the election it was settled by agreement of both parties that at this stage of the war, it is an American vital interest that Great Britain shall conduct a victorious resistance. Since that is the settled national policy, the supplying of arms to Great Britain cannot be allowed to depend upon Great Britain's capacity to pay or upon the willingness or ability of American manufacturers to reach profitable bargains with the British. For if it is now an American interest to supply Great Britain, then there must be a national and not a private plan to supply Great Britain. If at any time in the future appeared that the purpose of Great Britain were not also American purposes, we must retain in our hands the right and the means to maintain our own interests. Now here is a plan which does both of these things: it guarantees full aid to British short of war, and when properly developed will go very far indeed toward guaranteeing the interests of the United States in the prosecution of the war, in the settlement and in the postwar period.

It is not a plan devised by private committees. It is the plan of the President of the United States, who is charged with the conduct of foreign relations and is the commander-in-chief of all the armed forces. There is no phase of this plan which is in principle—the practical details—will not stand the test of open debate, least of all on the question of whether it is, in fact, a measure short of war. For every American action under this plan is subject to the constitutional limits of the United States. If Hitler chose to consider the plan an act of war, he would have to cross the Atlantic Ocean to fight us about it. That is something he cannot do as long as the British are at war with him, and according to Gen. Robert E. Wood, acting chairman of the American First Committee, that is something Hitler could not do even if he won the war.

Gen. Wood may be too much of an optimist when he rests his

whole case on the assurance that there is absolutely no danger of an invasion of the United States even if Germany is completely victorious. But if he is right, in thinking that a victorious Hitler cannot attack us, then there is no risk whatever in the President's policy. If the American First Committee is right that we cannot be attacked, we do not help Britain then clearly we cannot be attacked if we do help Britain. And if Gen. Wood is only partially right, then a policy which may insure the victory of Great Britain and a peaceful settlement, and only the very least insure the military exhaustion of Germany is a way of making Gen. Wood's assurance doubly sure.

The positive advantages of the plan are to numerous, and so weighty that not even the President, who must have been pre-

viously for some time, has as yet stated them fully.

First, by abolishing the distinction between production for American defence and production for private commercial contracts with foreign governments, the whole armament work of the United States becomes an American national effort. Though there is not space here to develop this point, it will, I am confident, be found that under the plan industry and labour will be working solely for American, and only on this principle will a genuine programme to speed up and coordinate the effort become possible.

Second, by abolishing the financial bottle-neck caused by the difficulty of converting all British assets, for example, railways in the Argentine, into American dollars, there disappears any doubt as to whether Great Britain is to receive all possible material assistance from the United States. This is extremely important, not merely in what it means by way of material supplies but no less in what it means to the British people to know that without further sagging the full industrial power of America is behind them. Men fight with guns, with food, and with hope, and this plan pledges them guns, food, and what is no less necessary, hope. It removes boldly and greatly the intolerable notion that Britain would be permitted to fall because the last Argentine tram car could not be converted into American dollars.

Third, because this plan really does help Great Britain, and is not merely a profitable commercial transaction, it gives us a lien—will not say on the gratitude—but on the confidence of the British people. They have proved in the past five months that moral considerations are a mighty force in Britain, and I for one covet for ourselves, not merely for our self-respect but for our future relations with this brave and honourable people, that they should really help about it, doing nothing that we could not turn into profitable business. However the war comes out, it is a great American interest that the British people throughout the world should trust us and believe in us. We

have no other friends that are at once so reliable and so powerful.

Fourth, it is our deep interest that the United States should be able to aid those who resist aggression, who should not betray ourselves and confess to the world that we talk big and act small. We have had an election. The Republicans nominated a man who became conspicuous as a candidate because he had declared for the policy for aiding the Allies. The Republican candidate refused to "this country" at the beginning of the campaign, during it, at the close, and in several speeches after election. No responsible Republican candidate would do that. The Democrats nominated a man who publicly pledged himself to assist the Allies. During the campaign he repeated his pledge, and when he had been re-elected he repeated it again.

If after all of this, the policy of aiding Great Britain is not an American policy, then no declaration, no pledge of the American nation will have any credit anywhere in the world. Who will believe us if now we fail to do what we have solemnly, and for as our responsible leaders are concerned, unanimously declared we shall do? Will the South American republics believe anything we say about "defending this hemisphere" if at this point we failed to make good the repeated pledge of the leaders of our two parties, the official declaration of our government? If now we flinch, falter and fail, and the cost in reality, trifling, our friends will distrust us and desert us, our opponents will conclude that we have neither integrity nor resolution.

Fifth, this plan—whether it be based on the leasing or the lending of equipment—will if properly negotiated be secured not merely by the financial resources of the British Empire, but by the fleet and air force of the British Empire. Under this plan Mr. Churchill's pledge of last June, never to surrender the British fleet can be considerably strengthened. For we shall establish a lien upon an increasing part of the fighting equipment of the British, and while—supposing the worst—we could not get back what Hitler might capture, we could exert a very strong pull upon the disposal of anything which a victorious Hitler could not actually lay his hands on. The troublesome question of the fleet's day-to-day will indicate to anyone who studies it the great importance of this aspect of the matter.

And sixth, this plan not only gives us standing in the settlement of the war—a thing we must have if peace is not to be made at our expense—but it removes one of the great obstacles to a post-war reconstruction. For post-war Britain cannot hope without creating severe unemployment to turn quickly from armaments to normal trade; yet the British people will need civilian supplies. Under this plan the British will be able to demobilise slowly and it will be possible for us, much to our own advantage to be repaid in armaments, thus greatly fortifying our long-term security in the world.

The President has done his constitutional duty and he has done it with wisdom. The nation will support him because his policy is so fundamentally right.

THIS WEEK

President Roosevelt has now filled in the more important details of his lend-and-lease proposal, and the existing vehemence of the Anglo-German-Japanese protests is the keenest gauge of their significance. The gloves are off and the United States, without further resort to artifice to preserve even the semblance of neutrality, is for all practical purposes in the war in active partnership with Great Britain and all others engaging the onslaught upon the democratic way of life. If that message was not sufficiently conveyed to the Axis by the President's striking address to Congress, it was thrust home by the published text of the Bills sent to Congress to implement the Administration's proposals. This reveals a willingness and an intention to lend a going beyond the most successful predictions, and only excepting actual military and naval participation as long as the other side does not fire the first shot. Beyond that the sky's the limit. With the decision to make available United States naval bases to units of the Royal Navy, with all the facilities for repair and reconditioning possible at their home bases there went into the record all "neutrality" machinery.

No Policies Of Altruism

The Message to Congress was both stern and ringing. President Roosevelt told the people of the United States in language that Lord Halifax described as penetrating in its simplicity that lend-and-lease and, further, possible policies of altruism were not policies of altruism but a straightforward precaution of national defence. "The future safety of our country," he said, "and our democracy are overwhelmingly involved in events far beyond our borders." The only golden counsel was to reckon with the worst and prepare for it without fearing it. And the most effective answer was to keep away from the New World by sending ever increasing numbers of ships, British Empire ships, to those nations already fighting for the defence of freedom, and guns, like the British Empire, on a world-scale far beyond the utmost that has been faced by any single nation in history.

The Challenge

The wave of enthusiasm which has greeted the President's proposals in the United States seems actively to sweep aside those forces which were seeking compromise paths between isolationism and interventionism. The demands of the Senate may offer some resistance, but no doubt it is the President's responsibility to give his blank cheque. Nazi officials reaction can be interpreted presumably from the violence of newspaper attacks. The United States has thrown down the gauntlet. Whether America will come into the war as an active belligerent would seem, now, to be Hitler's choice. Or is it Hobson's choice?

The Palsy

While Hitler was taking the shock of the blow from across the Atlantic, his Axis partner was reeling before General Wavell's dramatic forward spurt in the Western Desert offensive. The Italian defence of Bardia collapsed abjectly, revealing a degree of demoralisation which surprised commanders who had been in the thick of the Sidi Barrani operations. In the final action, the British forces engaged suffered less than 600 casualties killed and wounded. The Italians lost 2,000 killed and wounded, and 30,000

surrendered without a scratch. Adding further to striking indications of virtual paralysis of the German forces, a second Italian garrison at Tobruk was, within three days of Bardia's fall, trapped and encircled at Tobruk, British forces having swept on to Gazala, forty miles beyond, cutting off retreat. The way to cheap conquest of all Libya appears to have been thrown wide open.

The Battle For Kilisuro

Equally hardening to Mussolini's self-esteem came news of the collapse of violent Italian counter-attacks in Albania and the capture by the Greeks of the key city of Kilauro, which threatened an easier road to Valona and further imperils El Basan. The battle for Kilisuro lasted more than three weeks, the Greeks advancing slowly but methodically, capturing one strong position after another, in weather conditions testing the fibre of the most resolute troops. It is fair to assume that the Abyssinian revolt, and the initiation of offensive operations by the Imperial forces in Kenya cannot have the power, at this stage, to add to Il Duce's demoralisation.

Italian Air Power Smashed

Plentiful reasons for keen anticipation are also to be found in the exploits of the Royal Air Force. Italian air power in the Western Desert has been smashed and is unlikely effectively to raise its head again. Shattering blows have been dealt in massive raids on every military and naval base of consequence in Southern Italy without serious opposition. More and more planes are pouring into the Mediterranean area, faster than during the crisis period of two or three months ago, and the air offensive is being pursued on a blistering scale commanding an air supremacy as effective as our naval domination. At the same time, in addition to the continuous pounding of military objectives in Germany, a massive formation of bombers and fighters from the first daylight operation, an air supremacy as effective as our naval domination. At the same time, in addition to the continuous pounding of military objectives in Germany, a massive formation of bombers and fighters from the first daylight operation, an air supremacy as effective as our naval domination.

A Reckoning With The Luftwaffe?

In the course of the war many light attacks against particular objectives in enemy or enemy-occupied territories have been executed with skill and daring by the R.A.F., usually taking advantage of the cover provided by cloud. But this was practically a cloudless day and it was selected for the first daylight operation carried out over an extensive area and in force against an aggregation of objectives of direct and vital importance. The implications are more important than the success of the raid which was bravely challenged by Nazi fighters. Taken in conjunction with the massive scale of the Mediterranean operations, the inference is that the great battle for air supremacy with the Luftwaffe is about to begin, and that the immense numerical superiority of the enemy at the outbreak of the war has ceased to represent an influential factor—because it no longer exists. The R.A.F. is about to undertake a vigorous daylight offensive against a highly satisfactory answer.

The Bulgarian Scare

In the Balkans there has been mysterious talk of a great stroke being prepared by Herr Hitler, with Bulgaria as the chosen victim. Troops have been moved into Rumania but no satisfactory estimate of numbers can be formed and nothing has occurred to change the opinion formed last week that the activities are, in the main, part of a colossal bluff. The deadline, January 8, set by rumour-mongers for the German invasion of Bulgaria passed without incident of any kind, confirming the belief that Goebbels shared responsibility for the rumours only with those who failed to check up on sources. Had thought of action entered Hitler's mind at all, he may conceivably have been influenced to a wiser course by the proximity of the Russian Black Sea fleet to the Rumanian and Bulgarian coasts and the blunt statement by Turkey that a Bulgarian passage for German troops would provoke Turkish action.

Friction In Rumania

Simplest explanation of German troop movements was the growth of internal friction in Rumania. Actual disorder due to Rumanian restiveness under the Nazi yoke appear, from the British Ministry's report, to have been less extensive than suggested by reports coming out of Belgrade, Sofia and Budapest, but the situation must nevertheless be causing Nazi disquiet. In any event, for Hitler, who fears war on two fronts as much as he does implementation of his boast of an invasion of Britain, it is as good an excuse for Russian cuts as any.

The Shadow of Japan

What precisely is happening on the Thailand-Cambodia border looks worse than a jigsaw puzzle of guesswork. Both sides admit that the scale of operations is extending, both deny responsibility for commencement of operations, and both claim that bombing raids and clashes of troops are in the nature of reprisals. Absence of any incentive to Admiral Decoux to co-operate, a heavier load than he already carries, two better, points, Thailand initiative. The shadow of Japan is not, however, very far away. SCRUTATOR.

Battle Of Ideas:

Democratic Union-When?

By Padraic King

TWENTY-SIX years ago began "the war to end war." No longer would the world be dominated by force. It was a noble aspiration. On November 11, 1918, many thought it had been achieved. Now Europe is at war again for exactly the same cause. Is the same thing to happen again? "Yes," unless the nations determine on some plan whereby their differences might be settled in peace.

Now that the League of Nations, an unwieldy and unworkable instrument for the promotion of peace, has failed, what is to take its place?

Of course, there are some who always find it easy to answer even such a question as this: you can, and do, write books and innumerable articles, all of them, naturally, unanswerable. To prove that "On earth peace, good will towards men" is not difficult of achievement.

But with the world widely divided in its viewpoints, standards of judgments, political theories, hopes, and wishes, the question does not, at this time, anyhow, admit of a definitely conclusive answer. But, withal, a new idea—really an old idea in new and perhaps more serviceable trappings—is now actually dominating world thought. The idea is not of a league, not just an understanding between democracies and the dictatorships, nor a formal alliance—but a United States of Europe.

ler, fairer treatment of smaller nations, and new and more honourable politico-economic relations between all the peoples of the world.

With the establishment of wartime economic cooperation between Britain and France, the peace-after-war discussions took a new slant. If actual pooling of common resources during wartime is workable, then why shouldn't united efforts along still broader lines during peace time be just as workable?

The idea—as already explained, is not new—was to prove sort of a flashback of a scene before the assembly of the League of Nations. In 1920, France's Foreign Minister, Aristide Briand, made an impressive plea at Geneva for "some sort of federal bond" for the peoples of Europe. In 1930, the Briand recommendations were referred for study to a League of Nations committee, which failed to make a report.

In 1949, another Frenchman, the poet, Victor Hugo, prophesied the coming of a United States of Europe. Some three centuries ago—320 years to be exact—the assassination of a French monarch, King Henry IV (1593-1610), and the thought—undoubtedly pre-occupied at that time all hopes of gathering the warring nations of Europe into a federation. The French ruler had on various occasions discussed with close advisers the necessity of a union. If Europe was not to be blood white by war.

In 1602, William Penn, the Quaker, motivated by a desire for world peace, urged the formation of a European federation. In a letter to an old diplomatic colleague of a union, if Europe might well create a nation similar to that of the then recently estab-

lished Republic of the United States of America. The Boston-born patriot and philosopher wrote:—

"If it succeeds, I do not see why you might not in Europe carry the project of good harmony by the execution, by forming a Federal Union and One Grand Republic of all its different States and Kingdoms; by means of a like convention; for we had many interests to reconcile."

Forty years ago W. T. Stead, bold and fearless journalist and reformer of the late Victorian and early Edwardian days, made a round of the Continental capitals, during which he interviewed those in high political places as to the needs of a federated Europe. Vienna in 1923 saw the birth of a Pan-European movement, headed by Count Coudenhove-Kalergi. Propaganda urging a union of the Continental States, from the largest to the most insignificant, flooded every section of Europe. Balkan protests as to the real aims of the movement gradually led to its passing into the limbo of lost causes.

A few months ago Clarence K. Streit, eminent American publicist and well known as a student of international problems, wrote a long, thoughtful and carefully-argued book, *Union Now*. In this plea for peace, he advocated a federation of the fifteen democracies bordering on the shores of the North Atlantic.

From the foregoing historical review, sketchy as it is, one may glean some idea of the earlier political background of the present United States of Europe movement. Within the last month or two there has been much serious discussion of the subject, notably by higher-ups of the British Government.

Lord Halifax, in a wireless address, remarked that "there are some who believe that the new order will come through surrender by nations of their sovereign rights, in order to clear the way for more organic union."

Providing the machinery for a functioning European federation presents, as can well be imagined, staggering difficulties.

At the outset, it must be understood that "confederation" and "true federation" are not one and the same thing. The League of Nations was a confederation and was such proved a failure. The world is dead against leagues.

Confederations are unworkable because the unit is the individual State and not the individual man. They cannot act in time, because public opinion must be strong enough in each State before the league government can be moved. They cannot escape the unanimity rule, since the object of the whole contraption is the sovereign independence of each State. Last of all they cannot enforce the law. Sanctions have proved futile.

A permanent or true federation demands that the State definitely surrender its national sovereignty. This means that the citizenry of all the affiliated States would be represented directly by the central or federal government. This central authority would be supreme in all matters of national defence and would also be invested with the power to tax. All peoples become fearless and suspicious when faced with a proposal involving their power, standing and interests. This fear would have to be banished entirely if federation is to be a reality. Therein lies the major obstacle to the plan which some have likened to a wild dream.

CRIPPLING OF "RICHELIEU"

Dramatic Story Revealed For First Time

Australian Crew's Daring Exploit In Naval Speedboat



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MUNITIONS FACTORY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA BLOWN UP

News has just reached London of the accidental destruction of a German-controlled munitions factory in German-occupied Czechoslovakia.

Three violent explosions at the factory on Christmas Eve were heard at Brno, 60 miles away.

Most of the workers were Czechs.

About 80 people were killed.—Reuter.

THE FULL STORY OF THE HEROIC PART TAKEN BY H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA IN THE DAKAR ENGAGEMENT LAST SEPTEMBER, WHEN GENERAL DE GAULLE, LEADER OF THE FREE FRENCH FORCES, ATTEMPTED TO LAND WITH BRITISH NAVAL ASSISTANCE, HAS BEEN REVEALED FOR THE FIRST TIME BY A MEMBER OF THE SHIP'S CREW, WHO IS NOW IN LONDON.

He also disclosed that it was a speedboat from the Australia which helped to cripple the brand-new French battleship, Richelieu (35,000 tons), at Dakar on July 8, in one of the most daring naval exploits of the war.

In the September engagement the Australia went into action with a mammoth Southern Cross battle flag, measuring 24ft. by 12ft., flying from the mainmast, by special permission of Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, Commander of the British Fleet in the Mediterranean.

Early in the action a French four-motored bomber shelled with its cannon the Australia's observation post, which was hit and burst into flames, falling down like a lame duck into the sea.

Lieutenant-Commander Fogarty and a leading telegraphist parachuted and were last seen swimming towards the shore through the shark-infested sea.

Two six-inch shells hit the Australia two hours before the engagement was broken off. One burst in the captain's galley, wounding a sailor who was making tea.

The other shell, which caused no casualties, hit an evaporator, then ricocheted through the ship's side 10ft. above the water-line. The damage was quickly repaired.

Daring Raid By Speedboat

The member of the Australia's crew who is now in London tells his story as follows:

"We thought the Dakar engagement was like a picnic until the re-attack set in after the battle. Then funny men who made noises like bombs were knocked down. "This was the Australia's second

Defences Stopped Pursuers

Immediately after that the boat began to withdraw, but broke down while still in the harbour. It lay helpless for a time, but succeeded in getting one engine going just as it was discovered.

The boat was pursued, but managed to escape by crossing the harbour's net defences, which fouled the pursuers.

Planes from the Fleet Air Arm then attacked the Richelieu with torpedoes, inflicting further heavy damage.

Continuing his story, the member of the Australia's crew said: "The luck of that episode is not likely to be repeated, because the darkness of the night allowed the speedboat to be mistaken for a French patrol boat as the 11 members of the boat's crew moved from ship to ship, searching for the Richelieu."

The Richelieu is now out of action for the duration because she needs dry-docking, for which no facilities are available.

"After the explosion of the depth charge, the speedboat was not attacked by guns, because the harbour was crowded."

"A French patrol boat broke down during the pursuit of the speedboat, which had to ride over the harbour boom to escape."

"The speedboat had a long journey to catch up with the Australia, which was originally eight miles from Dakar and had moved further out to sea during the raid."

"The Australia received its baptism of bombing when French bombers unsuccessfully attacked later."

"During the subsequent action at Dakar in September, the Richelieu singled out the Australia for its main bombardment."

"The Australia steamed out to sea each night and returned at daybreak. It patrolled the coast, returning the fire from the forts, from the Richelieu, and from three six-inch gun cruisers, mostly from 14,000 yards."

"The Australia seemed to bear a charmed life. Salvoes of 14.9 shells from the Richelieu burst harmlessly on all sides. It was the cruisers which finally hit us."

"We were also attacked incessantly every day by bombers from the air. Sometimes shells and bombs from three aircraft were aimed at us simultaneously."

Left With Magazines Nearly Empty

"Captain Ross Stewart, wearing an old grey pith helmet, white shirt, and khaki shorts, paced the bridge interminably, refilling his pipe."

"It was real white-man's-grave weather, breathless, hot, and clammy, preventing sleep."

"We sank one submarine, and a direct hit beneath the bridge leaved up by the French shells. The Richelieu's were blood-red, the forts' were green, and the cruisers' yellow."

"The most astonishing thing in the engagement was our first sight of the vari-coloured waterspouts leaved up by the French shells."

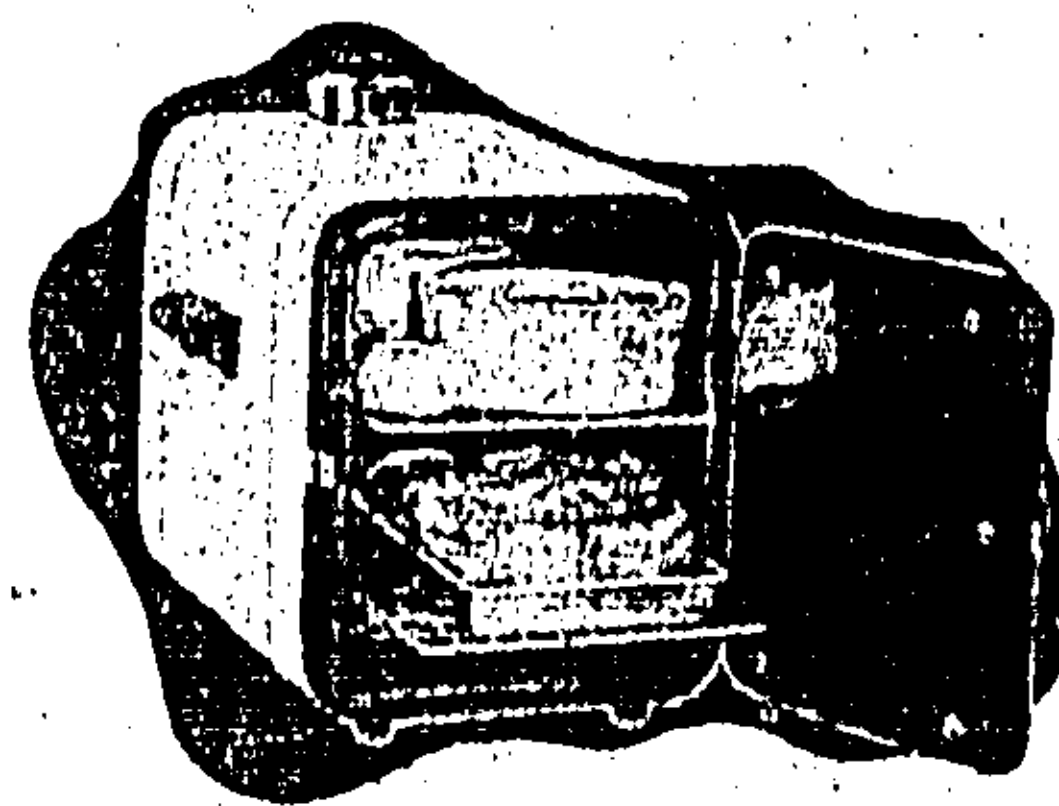
"The Richelieu's were blood-red, the forts' were green, and the cruisers' yellow."

"The colours were produced probably by acid in the shells to assist the observer's eyes in making range adjustments."

"We left Dakar with our magazines almost empty."

"The nosecap of the shell which ruined the captain's galley was branded, 'Made in Birmingham, 1939'—a reminder of the fact that

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STRAIN IN JAPAN'S RELATIONS WITH UNITED STATES

BITTERLY ASSAILING the recent United States attitude towards Japan and the Axis powers the Tokyo "Kokumin Shimbun," one of the leading metropolitan newspapers, yesterday advocated in an editorial suspension of the despatch of the newly-appointed Ambassador, Admiral Nomura, to Washington.

Reason, says the paper, would be to manifest "Japan's firm determination" vis-a-vis the situation.

The newspaper said President Roosevelt's fireside chat, the recent annual Budget Message and other speeches of late were nothing but a challenge to Japan.

The paper added they were "simply rabid" and out of the "common road."

More diplomatic technique, the "Kokumin" continued, would never be able to remedy the situation, so the Japanese Government must take a firm stand in order to cope with the situation.

THE JOURNAL ADDED: "THOUGH WE HAVE TRIED EVERY POSSIBLE MEANS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE STRAINED RELATIONS IT SEEMS TOO LATE FOR SUCCESS NOW."—REUTER.

BURMA MISSION TO CHINA

It was understood in Rangoon yesterday that the Burma Government will shortly send a mission to Chungking at the invitation of the Chinese Government.

As a result of world conditions created by the war numerous problems have arisen affecting trade and communications between Burma and China, and in order to secure a more ready solution of these problems by personal contact and discussion, the Burma Government is sending a mission, with the approval of the British Government.

The mission will be composed of Mr. H. G. Craw, Counsellor to the Governor; Mr. U Ba Thar, Commerce Minister; Mr. D. B. Petch, Commerce Secretary; and Mr. J. F. H. Nicolson, Chief Public Works Officer of the Federated Shan States.

Mr. Petch will act as secretary to the mission.—Reuter.

due to their nervousness about lines of communication and the general situation in Abyssinia.—Reuter.

KENYA OPERATION

A mobile column in the Kenya sector has entered Buna and it has been ascertained that the Italians have also abandoned El Wak, 100 miles to the west, as a result of a successful raid last week, says a Cairo communique.

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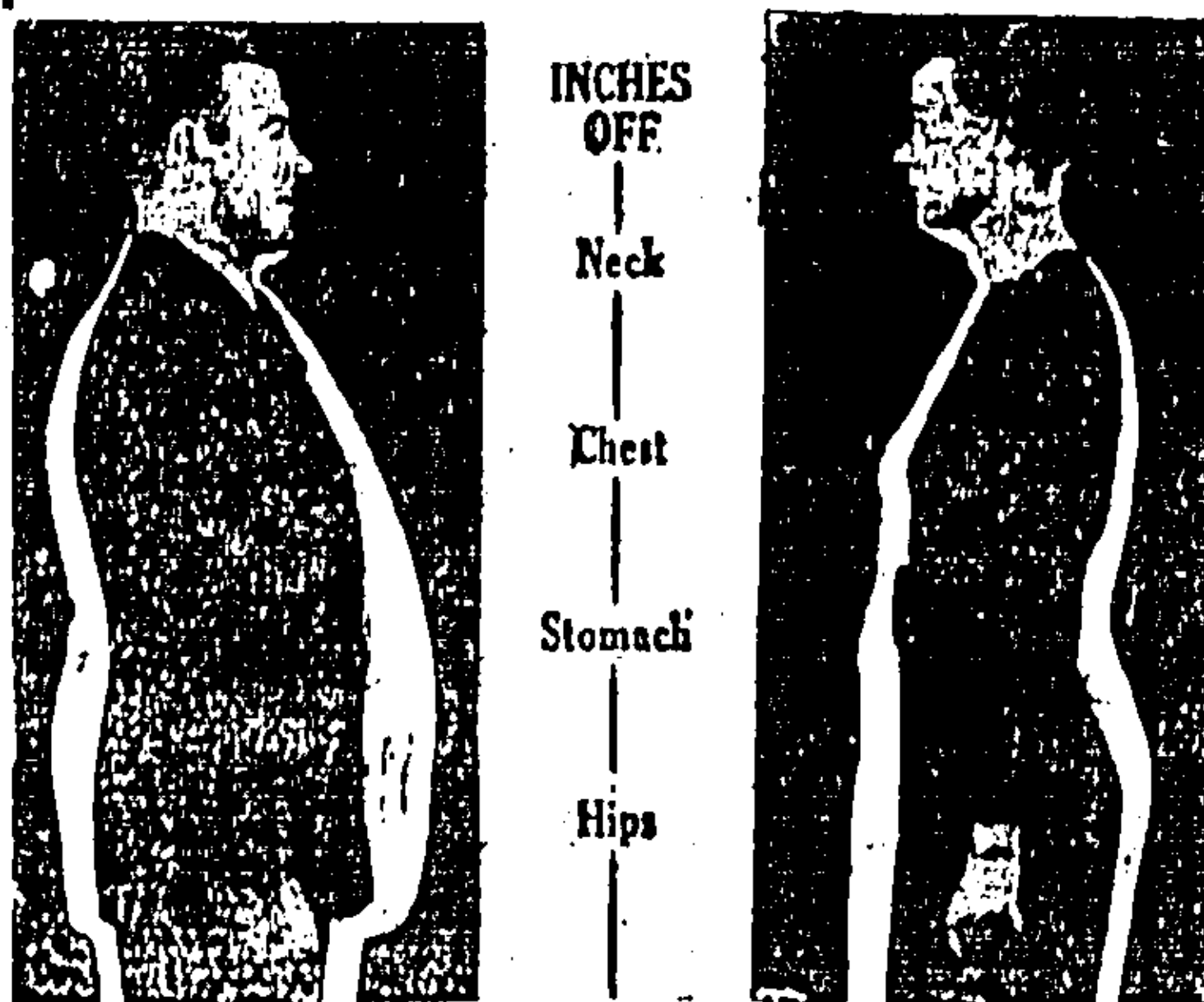


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Sunday Morning

THE whole family stays in bed for a couple of hours longer on Sunday morning. But after the first hour the mother cannot properly rest; she has something on her mind, and as soon as her husband shows signs of stirring she is out, and in a few minutes she is bustling about downstairs, quietly active, making tea, frying sausages and eggs, from time to time going to the foot of the stairs and calling sharply, "Jackie! Adal! Nell!" and in a quieter voice, more coaxing, to her husband, "Come, Bill!" trying to hide from him her growing impatience, but not altogether succeeding.

Even when they are all down and seated round the table consuming the hot food her impatience is still apparent. Plainly it is not simply to get them to breakfast that she has been so eager; she wants that meal over and done with so that she may proceed with something else.

"Come now," she says to Jackie, the youngest child, who is fiddling with his food after the others have finished. "Eat it up, there's a good lad. It'll be dinner time before I have a chance to start!"

So that is it! That is what has been on her mind since the morning of waking. It is Sunday, and the dinner has to be prepared. Sunday dinner—the only one to which they can all sit down together. It is the most important meal of the week.

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Ada, the elder daughter, helps her mother to wash up the breakfast things, while Nell goes upstairs to straighten the beds. It is a few minutes so Jackie is going to the allotment with his father. He is very excited. His mother hastily, with a snitch, sets his cap straight on his head, sees that he has a clean handkerchief in his pocket, and instructs both him and his father to be back at a quarter to one.

"Not a minute later, mind!" she warns them, wagging a forefinger.

In the boy's face. "I'll be ready by then, and we shall start if you're not here."

She makes this threat every time, but has never carried it out, though often she would have been justified in doing so.

Now the breakfast things are washed and dried and put away in the cupboard. Ada finds something else to do, so that, like her sister, she is "out of the road." When it comes to preparing Sunday dinner the mother likes to do everything herself, in her own way; she

SHORT STORY
 By
LESLIE HALWARD

scorns help and will tolerate no interference. She will have nobody "hanging about" her. "I like a clear deck," she says.

She glances at the clock, rolls up the sleeves of her blouse, and another turn, and goes into the scullery. She is frowning slightly and a look of determination has settled on her plump face.

She turns her head sharply from side to side, making a swift survey of everything; then from a paper bag she takes five large potatoes, one for each member of the family, peels and washes them at the sink, puts the meat in a tin with the potatoes round it, and places the tin in the hot oven, carefully noting the time as she closes the oven door.

She shells peas and drops them into a colander, peels more pota-

tes for boiling, mixes batter for a Yorkshire pudding, mixes pastry, cores and slices apples for a pie.

All this she does with intense concentration, yet unhurriedly, leisurely almost, for it is all simple and straightforward, the sort of thing she could do "with one hand tied behind her back."

It is later, when everything is cooking together, that she will have to keep her wits about her. She knows this, and is already vaguely apprehensive and excited. She has not yet lived down this feeling of uneasiness, this faint disturbing fear that something might go wrong, even though she has been cooking for more than twenty years; she knows now that she never will; yet she has never spoiled a dinner in her life.

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Her anxiety increases as a couple of saucepans are placed first on the fire and then on the hob, and another tin and a dish are pushed into the oven above and alongside the meat.

Her movements are quicker now; she shows surprising agility and dexterity in preventing the contents of a saucepan from boiling over.

It has become stiflingly hot in the kitchen, and as she bends to baste the meat and turn the browning potatoes her face goes an even deeper red and perspiration forms in beads which break and run jerkily in little rivers down her cheeks and neck.

At half-past twelve a sort of crisis is reached. At this time everything is "almost ready." The woman, with spoon and fork, hovers over the fireplace, feeling the heat of a little furnace, pre-digesting and tasting, turning and rearranging.

Ada and Nell, between them, have spread the cloth over the table, set out knives and forks, spoons and plates. They converse lightly, from time to time trying to bring their mother into the con-

versation; but she answers only in monosyllables, sometimes quite sharply; she cannot turn her mind for a second from what she is doing, her eyes and hands are darting; her nerves are on edge.

Now it is all ready to serve. She looks at the clock. It is a quarter to one, and Jackie and his father have not yet come home. Immediately she goes into a panic. She wrings her hands. She looks most in tears. The whole dinner will be spoiled, she declares. How can they expect her to keep it warm. Oh, it isn't fair! They haven't an atom of thought for anybody but themselves!

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But in a few moments she hears their footsteps in the yard, and she is calm again. She takes out the meat, strains the peas and potatoes, lifts the Yorkshire pudding from its tin. All the time she is urging her family to get to the table, so that they may eat the food while it is hot.

When, at last, she sits down, to the stuff on her own plate she looks with distaste at it. She is sure that she cannot force even the tiniest bit of it down her throat.

Oh, how hot and tired she feels! The window is open, yet there does not seem to be a breath of air. Her stomach, her whole body, her mind, her senses even, seem saturated with the smell of vegetable water and hot fat.

"Now, mother!" says one of them, "Don't let it get cold. It's lovely!" "Grand!" mumbles another.

She glows with pride, smiles, and puts a morsel into her mouth, just to please them. It really does taste good! She tries a little more. Finally she cuts as much as any of them, cleaning up the gravy with her knife.

"I've enjoyed that," she says, when she has finished. And so she has.

The same thing happens every Sunday.

Legs Through The Ages

THE stockings that our grandmothers wore in strange design and material are all but forgotten, only vague memories linger of the once and somewhat bizarre hosiery worn by the glamorous girls of the gay 'nineties.

Streamlined and sleek silk creations of to-day are sheer perfection as compared with them and are not only the last word in the book of fashion for evening, but they may be, and probably are, on their last legs.

"Why?" you ask. Well, because of their own tendency to disappear, because they are already so sheer as to be almost invisible, and growing steeper every minute. Vague, tenuous and evanescent, they seem to be evaporating, dissolving of their own will.

Who among us girls is not indignantly stocking conscious? Who among us does not shudder at a run in the fine silk texture of our leg covering? What woman does not thrill to the feel of drawing on new stockings?

This is what we have come to in the history of the stocking. Delicate, streamlined hose is comparatively recent where history is concerned. You see, people once wore clumsy leg covering cut out of thick cloth and sewed up with big, bunched seams.

King Henry VIII had his cut from white taffeta, and his coverable leg area was so spacious it took a lot of silk, and if they didn't fit exactly, he kicked his cinders.

Queen Elizabeth was much the same, but her legs were far, far skinnier. And one day one of the ladies-in-waiting knifed for Her Majesty a pair of black silk stockings, fine and beautiful. They couldn't quite be drawn through a wedding ring, but they could through a napkin ring.

Well, anyway, the queen was so delighted with these stockings she vowed she'd wear no other kind

and the jockless lady-in-waiting spent all her time knitting stockings as fast as the red-headed Elizabeth could wear them out. And history further states that the never could get her to listen to his suit, because she was all the time knitting and kept mumbling: "Knit one, purl two, slip, narrow, bind—over and over, as she rustled the queen's hosiery. So



that clever gentleman, Mr. William Lee, invented the stocking loom, which did the knitting work, and left his adored one time to smile on his courting. On there is much romance in the history of stockings.

Why, there's the record of the sad-eyed princess. She was all upset because a seer had told her she could never know joy and peace until she wore the stockings

of a carefree woman. She sent her courters far and wide, but they all returned empty-handed declaring they could find no carefree woman. Great reward was offered, and at last a messenger returned from his world-wide search with the news that he had found a woman free from care, but she owned no stockings! She was an ignorant, humble peasant, and in her satisfied poverty, she possessed no stockings and wanted none.

Which brings us down to the present day.

It is a far cry from the old ladies who cut out and sewed their cotton flannel stockings to match their long-sleeved and high-necked nightgowns and the modern girl who wears the sheer streamlined style of hose.

Some sixty years ago we might have been seen in the white-kneed stockings. There was no reason for this any more than there is for white icing on a chocolate cake. But they played their part, and were followed in the



just too elegant 'nineties by stunner! The stockings of heavily embroidered lace, curtain materials! And then, louder and funnier, the plaids!

Meant for sports wear, they invaded every walk of life, and flared and flared in idyllic archery and mild tennis.

Golf was a word then spoken with bated breath, and bicycles were in the balance.

But during broke loose with the insets of lace that obtained in

1900.

Sometimes, if the knee was shockingly thin, the human flesh almost showed through!

The barber-pole striped stockings never reached a real vogue, for it was soon discovered that they increased the apparent size of the wearer's leg. The preferred modes showed more and more the long lines of the ribbed and drop-stitched patterns.

Well, then, the blow fell! Cotton stockings had already given place to silk thread, but now the decree was silk! Heavens! Pretty little stenographers, with perfectly lovely legs, couldn't afford to clothe those legs in silk! What to do?

In an effort to help, the manufacturers put out a fearful monstrosity: a stocking with a lisle or cotton foot, and a lisle or cotton top, leaving a ring of silk around the mid-leg. And the girls were for ever pulling their skirts down or perking their shoes up, to cover the deceit.

And then, to cap the climax of their woes, fashion decreed the skirts to be so short that the fake stockings were no good at all! And also decreed that no high button or laced shoes should be worn, only low shoes. The sectional stocking went into the discard, and the girls' savings went into the bank shop tills.

Did this upset pretty little stenographers? Look at their legs and see! Fashion's laws must be obeyed, whatever commandments are broken.

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1.45 p.m.—Short Piano Recital by Eileen Joyce.

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2.03 p.m.—Elgar—Enigma Variations, Op. 36.

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2.30 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

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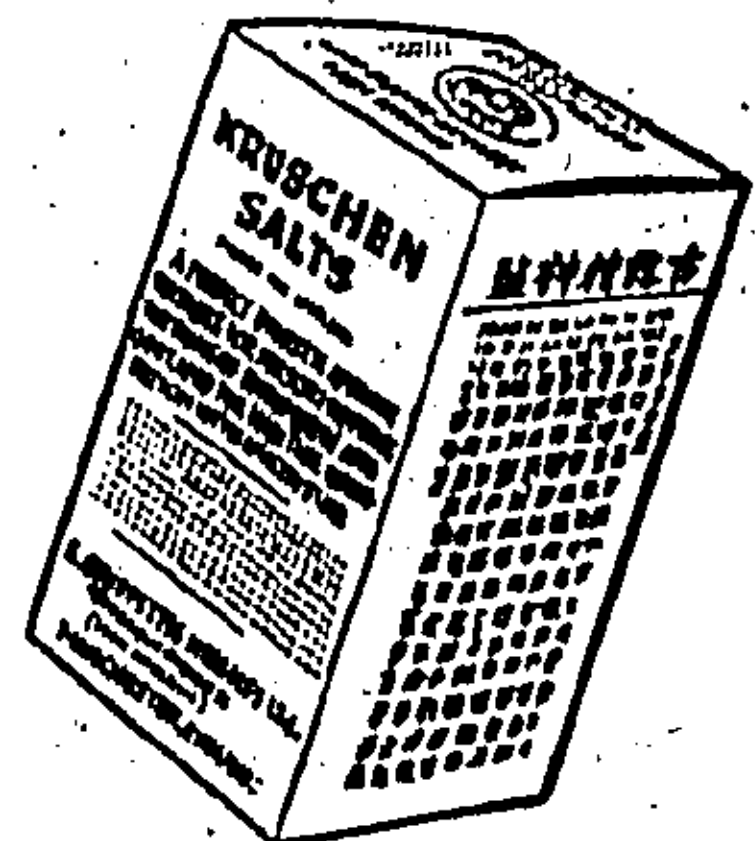
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E. L. GOSANO, who bowled really well to take 5 for 45 against Kowloon Cricket Club's formidable batting side last Saturday on the plumb K.C.C. wicket, is a cricket and hockey interporter, besides being extremely useful at all the other sports that he has taken part in.

EDDIE, who did not excel at games while at St. Joseph's College, was the first of the Gosano brothers to turn to cricket, and the result is that to-day there are five of them worth their places in Club de Recreio's first eleven, although Eddie is the only interporter.

Going up to the University in 1939, he played in the Varsity's senior football team, at inside-right, until he broke a leg when playing against the Somerset Light Infantry in a League game. This mishap broke the Gosano football tradition — "A. V." and Bertie were in great form at this period — as he turned to cricket after his recovery and has seldom played football since, although he turned out once for Recreio.

In the 1939-40 season he secured a place in the University second eleven, as a fielder, going in No. 11 and never being asked to bowl, but he kept his eyes open, and, under the patient coaching of Donald Anderson and the enthusiastic encouragement of Professor L. T. Ride, he secured promotion to the first eleven the following season when he actually opened the bowling for A. V. Nomanthony's eleven and held No. 4 place in the batting order. He did so well this season that he was given an Interport Trial, playing under Alan Reid, but, despite fine promises, he was back in view of his extreme youth.

INTERPORT PLAYER

In the 1932-33 season University won the League title and he again secured an Interport Trial, but during the Past V. Present match at Pokfulam he had to be assisted off the field and sent to hospital immediately, as he was suffering severely as the result of cartilage trouble. He was operated on without delay and spent the next four weeks in hospital, and the next cricket season watching University playing without him.

In 1934-35 he again played for the University eleven and scored his first century, 102 not out against Craigengower. He went in at 18 for 2 and the innings was declared closed at 144 for 6, so his 102 were scored out of 126, a feat he followed up with 4 wickets for 2 runs. He also covered himself with distinction when he took 8 for 20 to dismiss I.R.C. for 40 on their own ground and followed this up by scoring 51 in 18 minutes to give University a most unexpected win and K.C.C. the Senior League Championship.

In 1935-36 he again captained University and received his Interport blazer when he was selected as a member of Alice Pearce's team, but he had injured his knee when bowling in the Interport Trial at K.C.C., in which he scored 108 out of the 239 added whilst he was at the wicket against an attack which included the late F. D. Pereira, A. E. Perry, H. Owen-Hughes, F. Goodwin and D. McLellan, and against whom the Interport XI totalled 438, and as a



result of this misfortune he bowled only one over in Shanghai. He scored 6 and 33 not out for the losing Hong Kong side.

During this season he topped the League bowling averages with 16 wickets at a cost of 637 runs and was second to R. D. Gillespie in the batting averages with 234 runs, highest score 81 v. C.C.C., for an average of 78.00 per innings.

The following season saw him leave the University and join Club de Recreio, whom he led during a very successful First Division comeback. The 1936-37 season was Recreio's best as they won the League under the captaincy of A. M. Rodrigues, but it was largely due to the bowling of Gosano and Ozorio, who bowled unchanged in five of the seven League games.

Here was their record:

	Gosano	Ozorio
Army 10 runs	0	0
C.S.C.C.	12	15
13 runs	12	15
I.R.C. 145 for 9	12	4
C.C.C. 43 runs	11	31
K.C.C. 123 for 8	21	4
I.R.C. 48 runs	9	3
Navy 59 runs	12	31
Total	85	251

This gave him an average of 5.1 runs per wicket against Recreio's opponents' average of 6.9 runs per wicket.

It is of interest to recall here that Recreio, 19 for 8, totalled 68 against Civil Service and won by 9 runs.

ONE HAT TRICK

RODRIGUES again captained Recreio in the 1939-40 season, but Gosano is again at the helm this season, and he is making an excellent job of it.

To-day there are four Gosanos in the team, Eddie, "L.G.", the

WEAK NAVY FIFTEEN BEATEN

WEEK'S BADMINTON

Following are this week's League Badminton fixtures:

To-morrow	
University "A" v. University "B"	Chinese "A" v. Chinese "B"
Wednesday	
J.R.C. v. Chung Wah	V.R.C. v. V.R.C.
Kowloon Tung v. St. John's	St. Andrew's v. K.C.C.

left-handed opening bat and bowler, "G.M.", a brilliant cover-point, "J.M." the opening batsman and the youngest, and, but for knee trouble as the result of soccer, "A.V." would have made the fifth.

Eddie has performed the "hat trick" once, when playing for Medicals in an Inter-Faculty game at the University, and he was a member of the University side which was skittled out for 12 by the late F. D. Pereira, who took all in wickets for I.R.C. in their League game at Pokfulam.

He clearly remembers seeing Francis Zimmerman, K.C.C.'s opening bowler, keeping wicket for University and taking two catches on the leg side off Thinker Lee.

HOCKEY INTERPORT

HE has represented Hong Kong in one other sport, hockey. He played against Macao in the 1936-37 season, partnering A. E. "G.M." the full-back, captained the University in 1934-35 at Pokfulam in 1936, when they won the international tournament—this was their only success—and Argonauts when they won the knock-out tournament by carrying off the honors in the inter-sectional Civilian tournament and then beating the Navy and drawing with the Army winners—the Navy team beat the Army side to give the Argonauts their triumph.

Although Recreio's unbeaten team in the present Hong Kong Interport Tournament, he has represented the Civilian on two occasions, once against the visiting Waseda University team, and once against the Hong Kong team in the present Hong Kong Interport Tournament, he has represented the Civilian on two occasions, once against the visiting Waseda University team, and once against the Hong Kong team in the present Hong Kong Interport Tournament.

ATHLETIC TITLES

WHILE at the University he won the 220 Yards track title in 1931 and the 100 Yards (10-1/2 secs.) and 220 (24-4/5) in 1932, while he was throwing the javelin champion after "Zinker" Lee had gone down. He took part in the Inter-Varsity meeting against Lingling University, but found Ma Chiu Chong, who later won tennis laurels at Edinburgh University, much too good for him—he covered the 100 Metres in 10.9 secs.

Baseball also attracted his attention and he was prominent for Recreio Hall and Medicals in the Inter-Faculty series.

AQUATIC PROWESS

HE was a member of the first University team to win the Colony Relay Swimming Championship—they held their title for four years—being back-stroke champion until Lau Peh's arrival. He had no superior at the University at throwing the water polo ball and was also a very valuable water-polo player, representing the Colony side against the Rest in the 1935 Interport game and being a member of the combined Hong Kong and Shanghai team which met the Rest of the Colony during that series.

In the 1938-39 and 1939-40 seasons he was a member of the championship Recreio team in the Softball League, playing at centre-field and being one of the team's sluggers in the League. In both these seasons Portugal reached the Final of the International Tournament, only to lose unexpectedly to China and India respectively. Six Gosanos took part in this series.

As Recreio did not enter the Baseball League last season he played very little, but he was a member of the Portuguese team which reached a semi-final and yet sensational win over America in the Final of the International Tournament—H.J.E.R.

This is the last of a series of 62 consecutive articles by "H. J. E. R." and, starting next Sunday, this column will be conducted by that well-known sports writer "Adrem".

Following are the 52 well-known sportsmen who had their careers outlined by "H.J.E.R." in "The Limelight" column: J. S. Hiddell, A. J. Edmund, L. Dunbar, T. A. Pearce, R. B. Moller, Sr., D. J. M. Anderson, R. C. Fincher, F. W. Walker, D. Black, W. A. Reed, B. T. Gosano, Lau Chik-chen, Lee Wai-pong, P. H. Wong, C. A. M. Thomas, D. B. Jamjahn, Cui Yan-pui, W. G. Pryde, P. J. Wei, E. W. Rallion, E. Zimmerman, Len Collins, C. G. Silva, D. Leonard, R. D. Gillespie, W. A. Reed, A. J. Kew, W. Lawrence, Wong Ka-tsun, Ng Nin, A. Jillett, R. F. de Luz, C. S. Rossett, Chan Chun-mun, G. T. Fong, F. A. Fong, Charles Huang, Noel Hammond, D. S. Blake, M. N. Rakusen, M. R. Abbas, H. Owen-Hughes, F. D. Hunter, A. R. Minu, H. L. Thorio, M. M. Thomson, A. L. Mackenzie and E. L. Gosano.

Capt. A. C. Patterson, who has played some splendid games of hockey as the left-wing for Hong Kong Hockey Club, has taken over the duties of soccer officer of Royal Bels in succession to Capt. J. A. H. Douglas.

SIX RESERVES IN SIDE

Volunteers Win 9 To 5

Thomson Scores Best Try Seen On Police Ground

By "Scrum-Half"

NAVY WERE BEATEN by three tries (9 pts.) to a goal (5 pts.) by Volunteers in their Rugby match at Boundary Street yesterday.

The Navy side was, however, almost unrecognisable from that which has maintained an unbeaten record in the Quadrangular Tournament. They were without Paul, O'Riordan, Manfield, King, Longmuir and Poole. Volunteers, on the other hand, turned out as advertised.

Volunteers had the better of the exchanges and deserved their success, although the margin of difference would have been greater had their passing been more accurate. Burford again proved his superiority over Watson as a well-kicked, receiving no real opportunity except when he knocked on Bosanquet's cross-kick when only a yard from the line. Charter showed a return to his best form and was always dangerous. At forward Walkden, Macrae and Godfrey were prominent, although the latter's training as a threequarter in "A" XV games is handicapping his efforts at forward.

POLICE LUCKY

By "Scrum-Half"

Police recorded their first win in months when they beat a well-balanced Club Army team by two tries (6 pts.) to all after a scoreless first half at Boundary Street. Though strengthened by the return of Fay and Taylor, Police badly missed Wall, and their win flattered them. Only selfishness on the part of Richards, who twice had men up on each side of him, and yet preferred to attempt to turn the dummy with disastrous results, prevented the losers from holding a useful lead long before Police scored.

In a game made scrappy by faulty handling and poor passing few players impressed. Burford was very cool and did very little wrong at full-back, Morgan working hard at the base of the scrum and Hynes, Mohan and Redman were always up on the ball in the loose. For Police, Taylor was safer than usual in his tackling and Wright-Nooth, Oakley and Hogarth were outstanding at forward.

Useful Cross-Kick

Macrae was never really safe at full-back, while Bowden was not at his best on the wing, where his tackling was below standard. McGill made one good run, and his cross-kick in the first half deserved a better fate. Kennedy gained valuable ground with his quick-kicking, but seldom figured in a bout of passing. Honey will was quick off the mark at fly-half, but he held no terrors for Charter in that unaccustomed position. Rutherford saw very little of the ball from the light scrums, but he sent the ball away accurately whenever possible and had had luck in not scoring following a five-yard scrum in the second half. Of the forwards Winter and Watson were outstanding, the latter again leading the pack in grand style.

Charter started the first dangerous movement when he cut through and passed to Godfrey, who transferred to Stewart, but the latter's pass to Kennedy, who went over, was forward. Soon after Bosanquet cross-kicked and Stewart had only to fall on the ball to try for a try, but he was unfortunate to knock on only a yard from the line. Macrae failed with a penalty kick from some distance out, and after Stewart had made a poor attempt at a dropped goal following a weak clearance by Kennedy, half time arrived with the score sheet blank.

Volunteers Score

Volunteers scored when Charter broke away and passed to Walkden, who transferred to Godfrey for that player to give Bosanquet a very low pass which he took beautifully to go over in the corner. Macrae failed with a difficult kick. Thomson then left the Navy defence spreadeagled with a dazzling cut through that ended in a try close in, but Burford failed to add the goal points. A "mark" by Taylor saw his kick go up the centre of the field to Bowden, who sent an overhead pass to Wilson, who knocked on but who was fortunately allowed to send out a long pass to Honey-will, on his outside, for that player to cut in and catch Thompson on the wrong foot and score between the posts for Watson to kick a goal. After Macrae had failed to land a penalty goal from 40 yards and Honeywill had attempted a dropped goal from an impossible angle Walkden secured from a line-out a yard from the Navy line and hurried himself over for the final try, which was not converted by Macrae.

WILSON—Thompson; Bosanquet, Day, Macrae and Stewart; Charter and Thomson; Walkden, Burford, Macrae; Gairdner, Kennedy; Godfrey, Taylor and Slout.

NAVY—Morgan; McGill, Kennedy, Wilson and Bowden; Honeywill and Rutherford; Winter, Watson, Palmer; Stockham, Hendy; Hughes, Eager and Flynn.

APPEAL FOR RUGBY AS IT SHOULD BE

By "Scrum-Half"

Local Rugby is sorely in need of strict control. Unnecessarily rough play is becoming the rule rather than the exception, and there has not been one Quadrangular Tournament game this season that has not produced that element of hooliganism so prejudicial to the best interests of the game.

The fault does not lie entirely with the players, and I am inclined to place almost full responsibility on a small section of the crowd who attend these games and who apparently turn up in the hope that blood will flow. Their encouragement is invariably ill-thought and ill-advised, and in the heat of the moment and to the accompaniment of a "war" cry, many players must have committed offences of which they were ashamed only moments after.

The day a player is sent off the field will be a sorry one for the crowd who attend these games and who apparently turn up in the hope that blood will flow. Their encouragement is invariably ill-thought and ill-advised, and in the heat of the moment and to the accompaniment of a "war" cry, many players must have committed offences of which they were ashamed only moments after.

Wall is still in hospital, but G. S. Wilson will be back in the Police side for the next game. He is likely to play at full-back. Innes, Dempsey and Seale should also be available the next time Police play.

Luscombe is unlikely to be playing again this season. He has still to have a cartilage removed, and that is not a five minute's job.

DECISIVE SOFTBALL LEAGUE ENCOUNTERS DOWN FOR TO-DAY

By "Grandstand"

BOTH THE SENIOR and Junior Divisions of the Softball League will be featured by decisive games in to-day's 11-game schedule.

In the Senior loop St. Joseph's take on the Recreio Aces at the R.F.C. at 4 p.m. whilst in the Junior circuit the undefeated Chung Hwa tangle with V.R.C. for supremacy.

Saints, grimly hanging on to their lead, place with the Aces, who cannot afford to drop another game if they want a look-in at the finish, whilst another setback to the fifth place for Aces, would definitely eliminate them. When the Aces took a beating at the hands of the Hong Kong Baseballers last week they had a depleted line-up, but that was comparatively strong compared to the broken team intended to field this week. Zinho, Gosano and Spolly Pereira, who were both suffering from sprains last week, when they met the Mohawks, have been advised not to play any more this season, leaving no other alternative for men for Riri Noronha but to draw on his reserves from the junior team. Dicky Alves and Luigi Gosano will probably be fielded in the out-field positions, thus permitting centre-fielder Bertie Gosano to be switched to the hot-corner. The keystone position will have to be taken over by first-nacker Nick Beltrao, with Henry "Old Nurse" Barros taking over the initial satchel. Gerry Gosano will again take mound duties with Charlie Figueredo catching.

Odds On Chung Hwa

Bench-boss Grandpop Leung will be calling the plays for the Chung Hwa men, and slab-artist Jay Liu will start with Fung catching. In spite of Blimby the Blimp's assurance that "it's a cinch," the odds are on the Chung Hwa nine taking the game. Other games in the Junior League will be South China v. Cosmos at 9.00 a.m. Royal Engineers v. Liga Portuguesa at 11.30 a.m., followed by the R.A.F. v. 8th R.A. game at 12.45 p.m.

Usual Line-Up

The Saints will field their usual line-up, and will be all out to break the Recreio jinx, which has got them always so far. Either Charlie Manson or Frankie Gonzales will toil on the slab with Hal Winglee hindsmatching. The base paths will be kept by Stan "Toughhouse" Leonard, "Ozo" Ozorio, and Dave Leonard, with George Souza in the short-stop position. Henry "Shoestring" All-Jindoo "Muscle-bound" Hussain and Ski Powlawski will patrol the pastures.

N. & D. Association Players On View

At Kowloon Dock Recreation Club yesterday, "A" Team beat "B" Team by 8 shots in the Northumberland and Durham Association of Hong Kong lawn bowls match.

YACHTING

Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club's 2nd Second Corinthian Series race over 7.3 miles yesterday resulted as follows:

Yacht	Finished	Postn.
Artemis	10.04.40	1
(Mr. G. G. Wood)		
La Linda	10.05.47	2
(Mr. C. G. Black)		
Maureen	10.06.24	3
(Mr. D. Humphreys)		
Joss	10.06.44	4
(Major G. E. Neve)		
Petrel	10.08.25	5
(Mr. C. F. Hyde)		
Gull	10.09.23	6
(Major A. G. Mills)		
Koala	10.09.58	7
(Mrs. M. Johnson)		
Guri	10.10.06	8
(Mr. S. K. Helberg)		
Tyrene	10.10.45	9
(Mr. B. Herschfeld)		
Redshank	10.11.52	10
(Mr. L. Ongstad)		
Painted Lady	10.13.30	11
(Lieut.-Com. W. H. L. Harrison)		
MIXED CLASS		
Allisa	10.02.23	1
(Lieut. E. Hitchcott)		
Wendy	10.03.34	2
(Mr. H. W. Browne)		
Zephyr	10.03.74	3
(Major C. Rockford-Boyd)		
Owl	10.10.54	4
(Mr. G. L. Eastgate)		
Diana	10.12.20	5
(Mr. R. Orundell)		

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Coombes Hits 2nd Century This Season

Colledge As A Bowler

ARMY BEAT CIVIL SERVICE BY 7 WICKETS IN A FRIENDLY GAME AT SOOKUNPOO THAT PRODUCED ONLY 103 RUNS FOR THE LOSS OF 19 WICKETS.

Civil Service lost their first six wickets for 13 runs and Hawkins (5 for 13) at one time had the following analysis:

O.	M.	R.	W.
Colledge	1	7	5
Hawkins	5	13	5
Tropp	8	0	17

Hawkins bowled three no-balls.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Sgt. Webb	6	1	13
Sgt. Storer	10	0	10
Lt. Holliday	10	0	10
Sgt. Denver	18	0	18
Sgt. Bailey	11	0	11
Sgt. Tropp	10	0	10
Sgt. Davidson	10	0	10
Sgt. Sheppard	10	0	10
Sgt. Hoover	10	0	10
Sgt. Lacey	10	0	10
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Major Sawyer did not bat.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Stone	1	1	3
Holliday	3	0	26
Davidson	3	0	14
Colledge	4	2	4
Sheppard	2	0	7
Stone	1	0	1

TO-DAY'S CRICKET

An all-day friendly cricket match will be played at Cox's Road to-day, starting at 11.30 a.m., between Kowloon Cricket Club and an eleven from the Volunteers. Following are the teams: VOLUNTEERS—L. T. Ride, K. J. Attwell, R. M. Baxter, D. G. Day, W. S. Gegg, L. G. Gosano, R. H. Griffiths, T. Luck, T. A. Madar, A. E. Perry and E. Zimmerman. KOWLOON C.C.—E. C. Fincher, N. D. Lloyd, E. J. N. Anderson, F. R. Zimmerman, N. A. E. Mackay, W. L. Rapley, S. A. Gray and E. Curtis.

The engagement was recently announced in Manila of Miss Carmen Barretto, formerly a keen member of the Ladies' Section of Club de Recreo, and Antonio Morales, a prominent resident of Manila.

Pope's Hat Trick Against Recreio: But Police Lose

YESTERDAY'S LEAGUE PROGRAMME PRODUCED SOME NOTABLE RESULTS, CHIEF BEING THE SPLENDID VICTORY OF UNIVERSITY, WHO FARED VERY BADLY LAST YEAR, OVER INDIAN RECREATION CLUB IN ONE OF THE TWO OPENING SENIOR LEAGUE MATCHES. L. T. RIDE SCORED 66 NOT OUT FOR THE UNDERGRADUATES.

This, however, was not the most remarkable feature of yesterday's cricket as T. A. Madar and K. M. Baxter, of Kowloon Cricket Club juniors, were associated in a partnership for the first wicket, against University, which, if it is not a record must be very near one. They added 211 without being separated, both making centuries.

Another century was scored in the match between Royal Scots and Hong Kong Cricket Club "A" at Chater Road, Lt. Coombes, of Royal Army Medical Corps, making 109 not out and playing a big part in the Royals' seven wickets victory. This is Coombes' second century of the season—he made 110 not out against 5th A.A., R.A. recently—while he also topped the 70 mark for the Wanderers against the Club over the Christmas Holidays.

Although Police lost badly and the took only three wickets in all, the Police registered the "hat trick" against Recreio juniors.

The senior champions, Kowloon Cricket Club, although their batsmen were never too happy against the accurate bowling of Billmorla and Souza, beat Craigenower by 7 wickets to get away to a flying start. Best performance in this match was the brilliant batting of A. J. Hulke, whose 58 not out was the only double-figure score for his side, apart from 45 extras conceded by the K.C.C. stumper, A. Zimmerman.

In the only other League match Craigenower Cricket Club, who are favoured for the junior title, scored a good win over Indian Recreation Club, thanks to some brilliant hitting by their later batsmen.

LEAGUE I RIDE'S FINE EFFORT

University, set 155 to score in 105 minutes by I.R.C., made an excellent start to their Senior League cricket programme when they knocked off the runs for the loss of seven wickets. L.T. Ride, their first two wickets for 35, but A. H. Madar and Kitchell were then associated in a third wicket partnership of 59, of which Kitchell made 45, which included no fewer than 10 fours. Madar showed little enterprise, and when the I.R.C. innings were declared at 4 p.m., he had scored 39, scored out of 119 in 65 minutes and including only four fours. With L. T. Ride batting well, University scored 166 for 7, of

45 EXTRAS IN 125

Notwithstanding a gallant innings by A. J. Hulke, who scored 58 out of the Craigenower total of 125, and steady bowling by Billmorla and Souza, Kowloon Cricket Club, the Champions, won their first Senior League match by 7 wickets. Battling first, Craigenower were soon in trouble. F. R. Zimmerman, bowling brilliantly, taking three wickets in the course of 2.1 overs at a cost of only four runs, with the Craigenower score 18 for 3. A useful partnership between Ismail and Hulke then added 57 runs, of which Ismail only claimed nine in a fine defensive knock. Hulke, after a shaky start, settled down to play excellent cricket, defending stoutly when the occasion demanded, but hitting the ball hard. Going in at the fall of the first wicket, he was undefeated at the close with 58, scored out of 122 and including eight fours. No other member of the Craigenower side reached double-figures, although Archie Zimmerman, the K.C.C. wicket-keeper, had a sorry afternoon and gave away no fewer than 44 byes. Francis Zimmerman, after his initial two overs, lost his accuracy and bowled too many leg balls to be really dangerous, while Bobbie Lee, who opened, made good pace off the wicket but met with scant success.

Lloyd conceded 17 runs without taking a wicket but he then took 5 for 15 in the course of 4.1 overs to finish with 5 for 32.

K.C.C.'s strong batting side, although wickets did not fall, found great difficulty in getting Billmorla and Souza away and they had to struggle hard for their runs.

Hung and Anderson took 45 minutes to add 36 runs for the first wicket, of which Hung's share was 23, and when Anderson was dismissed after battling for 85 minutes he had scored only 41. It was one of his worst innings this season.

K.C.C., however, knocked off the required runs with 15 minutes to spare, while Fincher, who registered his highest score this season, hit six fours in his 47.

CRAIGENGOWER C.C. K. Zimmerman, c Broadbridge, b F. R. Zimmerman, 7. J. L. Youngs, c Broadbridge, b F. R. Zimmerman, 0. A. J. Hulke, not out, 58. C. Souza, b F. R. Zimmerman, 50. K. Ismail, lb.w., b Lloyd, 0. W. Hong Sling, b Lloyd, 0. E. Mitchell, run out, 0. P. J. Billmorla, b Lloyd, 2. H. E. Esnall, lb.w., b Lloyd, 0. H. L. Farnham, b F. R. Zimmerman, 0.

One of the features of Police cricket this season has been the promising form shown by young Tyler, a comparative newcomer to the Force. Tyler has performed wonders behind the stumps, and it is considered that with a little coaching he would develop into a first-class stumper.

T. H. Edgar, c and b Lloyd	45
Extras (B4, LB1)	45
Total	125

O.	M.	R.	W.
F. R. Zimmerman	4	1	16
Lloyd	4	2	32
Anderson	2	0	11

O.	M.	R.	W.
Billmorla	14	2	34
Souza	4	0	21
Ismail	2	0	15

Total (for 4 wks.) 127

LEAGUE II LATE DECLARATION: GAME DRAWN

A big unfinished partnership between Baxter and Madar was not sufficient to give Kowloon Cricket Club juniors a win against University, and a late declaration, evidently to give both batsmen a chance of reaching the century, saw the well set K.C.C. the League, the match being left drawn.

Baxter and Madar, opening for K.C.C., battled right through the innings, and when a declaration was made at 4 p.m. they were still 211 runs ahead of the K.C.C. total at 211. Both batsmen scored at about the same pace, and after their respective scores had passed 40 there was never more than seven runs difference in their totals. The K.C.C. innings started at 2.15 on both batsmen were at the wickets for five minutes short of two hours.

Baxter hit 14 fours and Madar 16. The latter's innings was without a blemish, but Baxter gave a hard chance when in the forties and was dismissed by Fenton, who was in fine form with the ball, took 5 for 35.

The University attack sent down 27 overs—216 deliveries—so that K.C.C. were nearly averaged a run off every delivery.

K. M. Baxter, not out	103
T. A. Madar, not out	104
Extras (B1, WB1, NB2)	4
Total (for no wkt.)	211
W. W. Parsons, S. A. Gray, Baldwin, R. S. Fenton, E. Curtiss, H. Brokenshire, J. R. Luke, G. W. Griffen and E. Crabbe did not bat	
Bowling Analysis	
O. M. R.	

Total (for no wks.) 211

O.	M.	R.	W.
W. W. Potts, c and b G. R. R. Baldwin, b S. Fenton, c Curtis, b Brokenshire, J. R. Luke, G. W. Griffith and E. Crabbe did not bat.			

O.	M.	R.	W.
N. Singh	11	0	72
R. Soares	4	0	26
Chelliah	4	0	21
Mazumdar	4	0	38
Ahmed	2	0	11
Lo	1	0	10
Lee	2	0	25

N. Singh bowled two no-balls and Soares bowled one wide-ball.

UNIVERSITY 2ND XI

Extras (B11, WB2)	
Total (for 8 wkts.)	
K. S. Ool did not bat.	
Bowling Analysis	
O. M. R.	

Total (for 8 wks.) 111

O.	M.	R.	W.
Fenton	8	1	35
Baldwin	4	0	23
Baxter	5	0	2
Curtis	5	1	16
Luke	3	2	5

Baldwin and Baxter each bowled a wide-ball.

CRAIGENGOWER TAIL WAGS

After being 63 runs in arrears with 40 minutes to go, Craigenower Cricket Club juniors scored a splendid win over Indian Recreation Club in a League match at Sookunpoo, winning by three wickets with five minutes to spare. I.R.C. batting was fairly consistent and, although A. M. Omar bowled well, and latterly U. H. Esnall took cheap wickets, they put together 140.

Craigenower were given a good start by Lee and Hung, but thereafter wickets fell regularly and five wickets were down for 87 at 3.25. Hamson, U. M. Omar and J. E. Esnall, then hit hard, topping the 20 mark and enabling Craigenower to win five minutes before time.

O.	M.	R.	W.
M. I. Razaq, b A. M. Omar	21		
A. H. Ismail, b A. M. Omar	28		
A. R. Suffad, b Hamson	1		
A. el Arculli, c Hamson, b A. M. Omar	1		
M. R. Abbas, c Leonard, b Lam	9		
Lam	9		
T. Ali, c Leonard, b A. M. Omar	0		
J. M. A. Rumjahn, b A. M. Omar	14		
F. A. Curreen, c A. M. Omar	14		

LEAGUE II TABLE TO DATE

Res.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
C.C.C.	2	2	0	0	6
K.C.C.	2	1	0	1	4
Univ.	1	0	0	1	1
C.S.C.C.	1	0	1	0	1
I.R.C.	2	0	2	0	0
P.R.C.	2	0	2	0	0

COTTAGE CLUB PAPER HUNT

The Cottage Club held another enjoyable paper hunt yesterday, starting at Fanning Village and finishing at Potts' Bungalow. The interesting trail was in the capable hands of Mr. Alec Potts, and the hunt enjoyed a good run through the fields skirting the Golf Club and thence into the Valley beyond, finally finishing with a good run in on the grass country near Potts' Bungalow. First to finish was Mr. L. G. Perkins, on Gold Currency, followed by Mr. G. Treverton, on Classic Hall, and Mr. F. Bondfield, on Bourne.

SILVA HAS 5 FOR 0 AGAINST CHAMPIONS

Although Pope did the "hat-trick," Police Recreation Club were beaten by Club de Recreo in their Junior League match at Happy Valley by 105 runs.

Recreio, batting first, lost their first two wickets for only 28 runs, but a partnership between Silva and Prata then raised the score to 70 before Prata was adjudged lb.w. to Carey. Silva went on to score 32, in which were five fours, and left-handed E. J. Remedios later hit hard for 50 not out, in which were eight fours. Remedios was at the wickets for 45 minutes and scored his runs out of 95.

Pope took only three wickets, but he accomplished the hat-trick in doing so, taking the wickets of Silva with the last ball of his ninth over, and dismissing Soares and Gosano with the first two balls of his tenth. Carey at one time had 4 for 30 and finished up with 5 for 42.

Police at no time appeared likely to knock off the runs against accurate bowling by Silva who finished with a remarkable spell, during which he took 5 for 0, and were all out for 60.

M. A. RECREIO 2ND XI

Bowling Analysis			
	O.	M.	R.
Pope	13	1	62
Carey	13	2	49
Dunbrowsky ..	2	0	26

Total (for 8 wks., dec.) 105

E. Pope, c Gomes, b Silva	
H. Tyler, c and b Alves	
J. Shepherd, b Silva	
T. Hayward, c Carvalho, b Alves	
H. Danbrowsky, b Silva	
E. G. Post, b Silva	

Carey bowled a wide-ball.

POLICE R.C.

	Total		
	Bowling Analysis		
	O.	M.	R.
Silva	6	2	23
Alves	4	0	29
Remedios	1.1	0	1

Total (for 8 wks., dec.) 69

O.	M.	R.	W.
Silva	8	2	23
Alves	4	0	29
Remedios	1	1	1

Silva bowled two wide-balls.

A. Hung, l.b.w., b Hassan ..
E. Lee, c Rumjahn, b Abbas
T. Lock, c Sulliad, b Arculli
C. W. Lam, b Rumjahn ..
S. Leonard, c Ali, b Arculli ..
A. B. Hamson, c Ismail, b

Total (for 8 wks., dec.) 150

O.	M.	R.	W.
A. M. Omar	13	3	33
U. M. Omar	0	0	26
Lam	5	0	38
Hamson	4	0	10
Esnall	5	1	10

Total (for 7 wks.) 150

O.	M.	R.	W.
A. Hung, lb.w., b Hassan	23		
E. Lee, c Rumjahn, b Abbas	14		
T. Lock, c Sufiad, b Arculli	23		
C. W. Lam, b Rumjahn	23		
S. Leonard, c Ali, b Arculli	3		
A. B. Hamson, c Ismail	23		
U. M. Omar, c Sufiad, b Arculli	21		
U. H. Esnall, not out	23		
A. M. Omar, not out	13		
Extras (B12)	13		

Total (for 7 wks.) 150

O.	M.	R.	W.
Arculli	13	2	48
Abbas	6	0	57
Hassan	2	0	17
Rumjahn	2	0	10
Ebrahim	2	0	24

WHEN K.C.C. SCORED 496 AGAINST CLUB IN TWO-DAY GAME

By "Adrem"

WITH INTERPORTS NOW APPARENTLY THINGS OF THE PAST AND ONLY AN OCCASIONAL REPRESENTATIVE GAME—USUALLY WINNERS' REST AT THE END OF EACH SEASON—THE NEWS THAT HONG KONG CRICKET HAD CHALLENGED KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB TO A TWO-DAY MATCH OVER CHINESE NEW YEAR AND BEEN ACCEPTED WAS GREETED WITH MUCH ENTHUSIASM BY FOLLOWERS OF CRICKET.

Although local critics have for some seasons bemoaned the stagnant state of cricket in Hong Kong consequent upon a lack of new Public School blood, from Hong Kong there are some excellent cricketers in the Colony at the moment, a great many of whom are members of either Hong Kong Cricket Club or Kowloon Cricket Club. A match between the two sides, therefore, should produce a very high standard, although, owing to the proved superiority of batsmen over bowlers, it is more than probable that scoring, with ample time to make the runs, will be high.

A match of this description recalls to me similar fixtures that were played in the past, over two days, usually during the Easter holidays.

One match played at K.C.C. about 1930/1 resulted in some extraordinarily high scoring. I cannot remember the exact composition of the two sides, but I know that "Tom" Pearce kept wicket, and C. D. Wales, Harry Owen, Hughes, and I think Alan Reid, were members of the Hong Kong side.

Highest K.C.C. Score? Kowloon batted first and put together what was probably the highest score a Kowloon side has ever made—496. At one period it seemed almost certain that they would reach the 500 mark, as when Ernie Fincher was dismissed for 117, the score was 496 for 5, but H. T. Buxton and Norman Ross were bowled without further addition.

Highlight of the match was a partnership of well over 100 for the eighth wicket between Ernie Fincher and wicket-keeper Stirling Jex. Other scores of between 50 and 60 were made by W. Brance, A. W. Ramsey, Capt. Morris and one other—there were six over the 50 mark—whom I cannot remember.

Tired out by a long spell of leather-hunting, H.K.C.C. failed miserably and were twice out for very poor scores.

A few years later, however, Cricket Club returned the compliment when they invited a K.C.C. side over to Chater Road, run up since for the loss of a few wickets, and then skittled Kowloon out.

For this year's match, Kowloon expect to be at full strength, as I understand, even Robbie Lee will sacrifice his golf in order to turn out. Only doubtful starter is Francis Lay.

An impressive list of names has already been entered in the H.K.C.C. cricket book of cricketers.

KHALSA BEAT "Y"

Y.M.C.A. first eleven were beaten by Khalsa Hockey Club by the odd goal in five at King's Park, after being one goal down at the interval.

Morgan and Taylor scored for Y.M.C.A., and G. Singh (2) and Norinder Singh for Khalsa.

TO-DAY'S HOCKEY

Following are the Tournament hockey matches to be played to-day:

AT 10.30 A.M. Engineers v University (Sookunpoo, J. V. Dove and W. Walther).

Police "A" v Police "B" (Boundary Street, K. Hussain and V. M. Benwell).

Recreio v Gunboats (Recreio ground, J. T. K. Gilchrist and A. H. Mather).

AT 3.00 P.M. M.T.B. v A. N. Outer XI (Navy ground, King's Park, T. A. Tyas and J. Gonsalves).

Aquatic Treat In Store?

By "Adrem"

IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN THESE COLUMNS SOME WEEKS AGO THAT THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY OF A SWIMMING GALA, AT WHICH THE LAI TSUN SWIMMING UNION, AN OFFSHOOT OF CHINESE Y.M.C.A., WOULD TAKE A PROMINENT PART, BEING HELD IN THE HEATED POOL OF EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A.

SOME TIME THIS MONTH it was learned yesterday that the project has been temporarily shelved, pending definite information being received regarding exhibitions which it hoped that the Japanese swimmers, now taking part in competitions in Manila, will give in the "Y" Pool on their way home.

It is understood that the "Y" swimming authorities have cabled an invitation to Manila, and a reply is now being awaited.

No information is available as to the nature of the exhibitions, but it is unlikely that any local stars will be called on to swim against the visitors.

The Japanese contingent worked out in the "Y" pool on their way to Manila, but, owing to the shortness of their visit, there was no opportunity of giving the public the necessary information, and only a handful of spectators attended.

MIDDLESEX BEAT SAINTS

TO-DAY'S FOOTBALL

Following is to-day's football programme:

FIRST DIVISION
Sing Tao v South China (Club, 4.00 p.m.)
Police v Kwong Wah (Boundary St., 4.00 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION
Police v Service Corps (Boundary St., 2.30 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION
20th R.A. v A.B.A. (Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)

JUNIOR SHIELD
(Preliminary Round)
Kit Chee v Sing Tao (Club, 2.30 p.m.)

S. CHINA FAVOURED TO WIN

By "Referee"

The eagerly awaited First Division football clash between Sing Tao and South China takes place this afternoon on the Club ground at 4 p.m., and in anticipation of a record crowd special arrangements have been made by Club, and prices of admission have been increased.

Sing Tao's defeat at the hands of Navy last Sunday has robbed this game of considerable interest as Sing Tao must now win at all costs to have any further interest in the League Championship.

South China are favourites for to-day's game. They have been playing consistently good soccer from the start of the season.

In the first game Sing Tao sensationally snatched a point in the last minute of the game, but it must be recalled that Lee Wai-tong sustained an injury early in the encounter and Chan Tak-fai was an absentee from the champions' team.

Both clubs have made changes. South China have brought in Tse Kam-hung in place of Lee Kwok-wai while Lau Chung-sung will be seen at right-half.

Sing Tao have strengthened their intermediate line by the inclusion of Kwok Ying-kee, erstwhile centre-forward. Tam Chun-fai has been promoted from Sing Tao juniors to fill Pang Kin-cheong's position, and the latter will lead the attack.

Following are to-day's senior teams:

SING TAO—Cheung Wing-chit; Lee Tung-sang and Lau Yung-sang; Kwok Ying-kee, Lam Wing-chit and Wong Kin-sung; Tang Kwong-sun, Lai Shu-wing, Fung Kin-cheong, Tam Chun-fai and Young Shue-ick.

SOUTH CHINA—Tang Kwong-sun and Tse Kam-hung; Lau Hing-chit, Lam Tak-pao and Lau Chung-sung; Lee Tai-kee, Chan Tai-fai, Lee Wai-tong, Chow Man-chi and Lee Shue-ick.

KWONG WAH—Lee Kwok-lee; Chung Fook-lam and Leung Pak-wai; Cheung Shue-ick, Chu Yung-fai and Young Chi-ching; Chiu Shue-ick, Tin Yung-fai.

Kwong Wah Nearly Snatch A Point Navy Are Well Beaten At Stanley: Club Are Out Of Junior Shield

THERE WERE FEW thrills at Caroline Hill yesterday when St. Joseph's and Middlesex met in their First Division Football League encounter, the Regiment winning by the odd goal in three after a goalless first half. Now and again there were flashes of good football on each side, but they were rare, and play on the whole lacked sparkle, movements rarely being executed with anything like precision.

St. Joseph's started strongly and ended on the same note, minutes before the final whistle. In the interim period, however, they were less prominent, and though the wingers were often sent away nicely, the inside men failed to make headway against the "Diehards" line of defence and defence were consequently unable to take full advantage of the centres that came their way.

Centre-forward McDonald did not land sufficient punch to the forward line, but this situation was remedied considerably when half way through the second half Hussain moved up to the centre berth and McDonald dropped back to the right-half position. Lau Wing-kong filling the place vacated by Hussain. The change soon proved its value, for in the last 10 minutes the Middlesex goal was subjected to heavy pressure which culminated in Hussain scoring with a high shot from well out.

Backbone Of Defence
Dave Leonard was the backbone of the St. Joseph's defence. He got through an amazing amount of work, being strong in defence and attack, and generally having the better of Bullen.

Behind him, Hussain and Bowen were responsible in no small way for repulsing the opposing forwards and keeping their lines clear throughout the first half. Both backs played soundly, and cleared with fine first-time kicks, though they did not position themselves with the same accuracy as did Freshwater and Sheehan.

Ali, in goal for St. Joseph's, stopped some apparently certain goals, even if his saves were not as polished as one could have desired. There were several changes in the Middlesex attack. In the absence of Coomer, Pearson moved out to the right-wing, and R. Thomas came in to the inside position. Bullen was too well covered by Leonard or the full-backs to become much of a menace, though he was always clever, more than once taking the defence off its balance with a deft flick. He rarely got a shot in, however.

Saw Works Hard

Saw worked hard to make his opening, and distributed very nicely, but C. Thomas, his wing-half, was not as accurate as he was in the first half.

POLICE—Manning; Blackburn and Chiu Kwong-yue; Parker, Gough and Morrison; Wong, Man-suet, Hewitt, Moss, Ferrier and Lau Pak-hing.

er, was for some time unable to make any headway owing to the lack-like manner in which Lau Wing-kong stuck to him. As the game progressed, however, the winger got the better of Lau.

Pearson commenced weakly, being too prone to get rid of the ball too soon, as he had received it. Later, however, he improved considerably and was very dangerous, breaking away down the wing and centring with accuracy.

McDonald did not worry Bright unduly, and the centre-half did not appear to be exerting himself, being generally equal to the situations that developed. There were occasions, however, when he found himself going the wrong way as Santos and A. Leonard, who had a good understanding, worked the ball between them towards goal.

Positioning themselves well, Freshwater and Sheehan used feet and head to keep their lines clear till the final minutes, and were generally responsible for clearing the centres that came across from the St. Joseph's wingers. Cruz and Rew. Cruz was the more penetrative, though Rew broke through in great style on a number of occasions.

Chances Thrown Away
Middlesex should have scored several times in the first half, but opportunities were missed when the ball was placed just the upright, or over the crossbar, or kicked weakly straight at the goalkeeper. After the change-over the Regiment took the lead when Thomas cut in from the left to score. A period of heavy pressure by the "Diehards" then ensued, and Saw netted the second goal from the "spot". Changes in the St. Joseph's attack saw a revival in the Saints' ranks, and Hussain culminated a brief spell in the centre berth by hitting the top of the net with a long shot a minute before the final whistle.

ST. JOSEPH'S—Ali; Hussain, Bowen, Lau Wing-kong, D. Leonard, Maher, Cruz, Santos, McDonald, A. Leonard and Rew.

MIDDLESEX—Jackson; Freshwater, Sheehan, Parker, Bright, Wilkinson, Pearson, R. Thomas, Bullen, Saw and C. Thomas.

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN EXCELS

K. Wah 3 Middlesex 4

The "Diehards" were value for their victory, if only for accepting the few opportunities presented. They led 3-1 at the interval. Kwong Wah were playing fast open football and were a constant

source of danger to the "Diehards" defence, and but for the steadiness of Blackburn, who played a sparkling game throughout, the lowly-placed Kwong Wah would have gained at least one point.

Mathews was on the top of his form, his speedy runs down the wing invariably being too good for Lee Wah-chi and Yeung Foon-hon, and his centres should have been turned to better account. His partner Mellor, although tricky, lacked much of his good work in failing to swing the ball out to the wingers more.

Kwong Wah were served by a strong defence, in which Lam Ching-long in goal was splendid. A number of saves were brilliant, and the defence was well prevented from netting after the winger had broken clear of all opposition.

Of the forwards Law Wing-kui required close attention, and was the most dangerous Chinese forward in the first half. In the second half, however, he rarely saw the ball and most of the Chinese danger was due to the solo efforts of Lee Yan-leung.

It was in the half-back line that the "Diehards" shone. Dawes and Whitehouse assisting Blackburn to complete a really formidable trio. The backs Revell and Bindon were not as reliable as usual, being erratic in their defence and uncertain when tackling. Bindon was at fault when Kwong Wah were pressing hard and gave away two of the goals when he failed to clear the ball effectively. The custodian, Drake, was also below form and was too slow in clearing out of his goal before danger threatened. On one occasion he ran outside the penalty area, when Bindon was tackling Lee Yan-leung, and the centre-forward beat both players and coolly placed the ball into the unattended net.

NAVY OUT OF LUCK

30th R.A. 7 Navy 0

Strong, forceful tactics combined with experience on the uneven Stanley ground that is a big obstacle to any visiting team, were responsible for the Gunners' well deserved victory after leading 2-0, at half time. Navy never settled down, and throughout the game the quality of their football was far below the standard of that which they are capable. Playing with only four forwards for almost all the second half—Allison was injured and forced to retire soon after the resumption of the match—Navy penetrated the Gunners' defence.

Guy was always master of the situation, and owing to the steadiness of his full-backs he was able to take an active part in the attack. Tate and Park, the wing-halves, had little difficulty in holding in check the opposing wingers, and Tate in particular was well on the mark with his passes. To a man the Gunner forward line gave of its best.

Doherty, in goal for the Navy, had a very anxious time and was clearly uneasy whenever he had to handle the ball. Mears and Williams were kept on the go all the time, and their clearances lacked confidence, and they failed to cover up as they should have done. Conkleton at centre-half was no match for Bindon and Round, and was rarely seen to advantage. Baillie was the best of the half-backs. Little can be said of the forwards, who were completely subdued.

THIRD DIVISION

TEAM WORK BEATS INDIVIDUALISM

R.A.F. 3 7th A.A. 0

The almen were worthy winners, combining well together and playing as a team, contrary to the tactics adopted by their opponents, who relied more on individual efforts than team spirit. Edmunds played a very solid game, and had a perfect understanding with Henley, and between them they checked all the solo efforts of the Gunner forwards. Berry was also very reliable. Goodwin was a livewire, continually harassing the opposition, and repeatedly sending across good centres, and on the left-wing Mansfield was a source of danger, his two goals being the result of hard first-time shooting and a keen sense of positional play.

For the losers, Waddington was always working hard and he was invariably master of any air duels. Of the forwards Pearce was an individualist, and McCadden was a thrustful leader, ever alert to take a pass which now and again came his way.

LANE PROMINENT

12th. Bty. 5 24th Bty. 1

Although the game for the greater part of the time was very scrappy and uninteresting, a definite improvement was noted in the second half, when 12th Battery proved their superiority by penning their opponents in their own half and scoring three times. 12th Battery were well served in defence by Westwood, who

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND GOAL-SCORERS

FIRST DIVISION			
St. Joseph's	1	Middlesex	2
Hussain		Thomas	
SECOND DIVISION			
Kwong Wah	3	Middlesex	4
Wong Tang-ming		Mathews	
Leung Chi-lip		Jennings	
Lee Yan-leung		McEastran	
THIRD DIVISION			
R.A.F.	3	7th R.A.	0
Mansfield			
12th R.A.	5	24th R.A.	1
McDonald		(own goal)	
Brown			
JUNIOR SHIELD			
(Preliminary Round)			
36th R.A.	3	Club	0
Doehard, Burgess			
Evans (pen.)			

League Tables To Date

FIRST DIVISION				Goals			
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Eastern	15	11	3	1	49	24	25
3. China	14	11	2	1	44	14	24
Sing Tao	14	10	2	2	37	18	22
Middlesex	15	7	2	6	33	35	16
Kowloon	12	4	3	5	19	25	11
R. Navy	13	3	0	5	25	35	11
Police	12	4	1	7	21	27	9
R. Scots	13	3	2	8	22	32	8
Kwong Wah	14	2	4	8	26	42	8
Club	11	3	1	7	21	38	7
St. Joseph's	15	2	3	10	17	34	7

SECOND DIVISION							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
R.E.	15	13	2	0	73	14	28
Middlesex	17	10	3	4	55	31	23
S. China	15	9	4	2	62	11	22
Sing Tao	15	9	3	3	47	22	21
R.A.S.C.	14	9	2	3	67	25	20
R. Scots	16	8	2	6	42	27	19
R. Navy	16	8	2	6	42	39	19
Kit Chee	16	7	2	7	34	47	16
30th R.A.	17	6	4	7	43	48	16
Kwong Wah	17	5	3	9	27	45	13
R.A.O.C.	14	4	2	8	39	30	10
Police	15	2	1	12	19	61	5
Club	14	1	1	12	15	75	2
Kowloon	15	0	2	13	19	81	2

THIRD DIVISION							Goals
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
R.A.F.	14	11	2	1	42	15	23
Signals	15	9	4	2	35	16	22
12th R.A.	16	8	5	3	39	22	21
36th R.A.	15	9	2	4	48	20	20
24th R.A.	15	6	3	6	32	22	15
R.E.	14	7	1	6	39	24	15
R.A.M.C.	14	6	2	6	26	41	14
7th R.A.	15	5	3	7	29	28	13
Internat'l	13	5	2	6	27	12	12
20th R.A.	14	5	2	7	26	38	12
35th R.A.	11	4	2	5	21	25	10
Shell	13	1	2	10	10	41	4
A.S.A.	13	0	1	13	4	59	0

gave a convincing display between the sticks. Taylor and Parnell, after a shaky start, settled down well and were more than a match for the opposing forwards. Through their efforts many dangerous moves were broken up, and Miller could concentrate on controlling Owen. The score shows what great success he accomplished this, for Owen is one of the best centre-forwards in this division. Roche was dangerous whenever he received the ball, and Greig had a hard task in attempting to hold him. Lane, the brains of the forward line, gave a very good account of himself and scored two goals as well as having a hand in at least two more.

Hooper, in goal for the 24th Battery, was a complete failure, being at fault on many occasions. Dainty and Greig worked hard, and Twiddle was a good stopper. Rager was responsible for several raids, but he found that Owen and Atkins were too well watched to take advantage of his passes. These two forwards were great triers, but they could not make much impression on 12th Battery.

JUNIOR SHIELD

EVANS SHINES

36th R.A. 3 Club 0

Purdue, in goal for the Gunners, was never really hard pressed, but on several occasions he showed keen anticipation and confident handling. He could undoubtedly have been put to a greater test, had it not been for the sterling play of his full-backs, Gwyther and Todd. The latter made particularly vigorous clearances, which often turned defence into attack. The Gunners' main strength, however, was Evans, their pivot. An extremely hard worker, he beat Hopkinson with ease, proving himself a strong tackler and always keeping his forwards well supplied with the ball. In the forward line, the Gunners possessed a good pair of wingers in Swales and Burgess. Odell, in goal for the Club, gave a very good display, showing clever positioning and clean handling, and he could not be blamed for the three goals, one of them a penalty, scored against him. He was very ably backed by Mackfarlane and Sloan, who did great work in breaking up many of the Gunner attacks. Millington worked with rare determination in the pivotal position and tackled strongly. At forward Hopkinson was a trier, but that is about all that could be said.

12th R.A.—Purdue, Gwyther, Todd; Ainsworth, Evans, Goodenough; Burgess, Whitmore, Jones, Doehard and Swales.

Club—Odell, Mackfarlane, Sloan; Gow, Millington, Lodge; Grafton, Davis, Hopkinson, Millard and Morrison.

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- To receive the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1940
- To elect a Director and Auditors for the ensuing year.

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R.A.F. PURSUES ITALIANS IN FULL RETREAT

A COMMUNIQUE issued by R.A.F. headquarters in Athens yesterday revealed that our aircraft have bombed Italian troops and mechanised convoys in full retreat from Klissoura.

Although the weather was bad, says the communique, our pilots found the Italian columns north of Klissoura and scored direct hits. All our aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

NAZI HOT AIR REPORTS

Six German planes failed to return from a raid over Southern England during Friday night, when large fires were caused at Portsmouth, according to a German High Command communique issued in Berlin.

Regarding the British daylight raid over France the same day, the German communique announced that the raiders were repulsed and eight British machines brought down. The Air Ministry reported that the only machine casualty was a fighter which crashed on landing, the pilot being injured. Recording the appearance of the German Air Force in the Mediterranean, the Nazi communique says:—"On January 10th, German air formations took part for the first time in the war in the Mediterranean area. They scored several hits on two naval units, including one aircraft carrier." — Reuter.

BERGY THE BUNGLER

The New York "Post" yesterday commented in scathing terms on General Berganzoli, the Italian commander at Bardia.

The paper said: "It would have been a good idea to let him get away, for wherever he is in command his opponents have a hopeful task. He was commanding the Italians at Guadalcanal and deserves to be commending in Albania, where the Italian style of fighting is so much in his line." — Reuter.

SWEDISH DEFENCES

The strengthening of Swedish defence "continues to be necessary," declared King Gustav in his Speech from the Throne at the opening of the Swedish Parliament yesterday. A state of military prepared-

Desperate Resistance

A Greek spokesman in Athens gave details yesterday of the capture by Greek troops of Klissoura.

For two days before the final assault, he said, the Greeks brought up artillery by mule trains in the darkness and dragged them to heights north-east of the town.

On Thursday morning Greek advance patrols entered the town and met with desperate resistance from the Italians, who had been reinforced.

Resistance only ceased after a bayonet charge.

The Greeks found 400 Italian dead at one part of the town alone, which had been shelled before the final storming by Greek troops.—Reuter.

Pillaged And Burned

A Greek official communique states: "Operations had as their result the occupation of Klissoura, which was found empty of inhabitants and pillaged and burned.

About six hundred prisoners, of whom twenty were officers, were captured and a war standard and four guns taken, while a number of mortars, a quantity of automatic rifles and all sorts of war material fell into our hands.

"Our aircraft were very active on the field of battle, bombing and machine-gunning enemy objectives. All our aircraft return to their bases."

It is also stated in Athens that in addition to Klissoura the Greek forces have occupied a mountain spur between Klissoura and Tepeleni which opens up the way to further successes.—British Wireless.

TWO MILLIONS FOR AIR RAID VICTIMS

THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON'S AIR RAID DISTRESS FUND NOW TOTALS NEARLY £2,000,000.

The Toronto "Evening Telegram" yesterday sent a contribution of £5,000, bringing its total to £45,000. A contribution of £1,500 was also received from Ceylon.—Reuter.

ness, said the King, demands the cooperation of a large part of Sweden's productive industries and "it is necessary to ask the citizens of the country for heavy contributions in the coming fiscal year." — Reuter.

PORTUGAL TAKES NEW PRECAUTIONS

All foreigners are barred from entering Portuguese flying schools or any aerodrome in the country, even private ones, according to a new decree of the Portuguese War Ministry, issued in Lisbon yesterday.

No foreigners are allowed to fly over Portuguese territory, even over regions outside the normal forbidden zones, with the exception of the regular air lines. — Reuter.

BRITISH HOLDINGS IN U.S.

With the evident intention of smoothing the way for the British Aid Bill through Congress, high officials of the Administration have been permitted to make known that Britain might be asked to make every financial effort she could to help meet the cost of war materials to be supplied to her.

One suggestion is that for these materials Britain should put up about \$2,000,000,000 of British assets in the United States as collateral. The plan is being considered to supplement a proposal that large investment trusts should purchase \$500,000,000 of British investments in securities of American companies.

The sum of \$2,000,000,000 is the value placed on British holdings in American real estate and the value of British-owned companies operating in the United States.

BRITAIN'S TRIUMPH

The Moscow newspaper "Pravda" yesterday published an article on British advantages in the air. Many of Germany's heavy industries, the paper declared, are only an hour's flight from British bases.

The small quantity of bombs dropped by the R.A.F. is compensated for by the careful British selection of targets and the accuracy of the bombing. Repeated hits on the same spot prevent the Germans from repairing the damage.

The heavy raids on Hamburg, Dusseldorf, Mannheim and other centres have undoubtedly affected work in heavy industries in these districts, the paper concludes.—Reuter.

Roosevelt Envoy Opens Up Important Cooperation Issues

(SPECIAL TO "SUNDAY HERALD")

A VIRTUAL ASSURANCE THAT THE UNITED STATES FLEET CAN USE THE SINGAPORE NAVAL BASE IF THE UNITED STATES WISHES, WAS GIVEN TO INTERNATIONAL NEWS IN LONDON AS MR. HARRY HOPKINS, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S PERSONAL ENVOY, HELD A SERIES OF CONFERENCES BELIEVED TO EMBRACE THIS AND ALL OTHER ASPECTS OF ANGLO-AMERICAN COOPERATION.

Less than 24 hours after arriving, Mr. Hopkins lunched with Mr. Churchill and conferred with Lord Halifax.

Well-informed circles believed that if Mr. Hopkins brought up the subject he would be assured that any American request for the use of Singapore would meet with an extremely sympathetic reception.

U.S. NAVY CONVOYS UNLIKELY

United States naval vessels will not be able to convoy merchant ships to Europe under the British Aid Bill.

The original draft of the Bill was revised to make this point clear, it was disclosed yesterday by the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator George.

The Bill will be considered by the House of Representatives tomorrow and by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Wednesday.

Isolationist senators held a conference on Friday night on measures they hope may defeat the Bill, but general opinion is that they will be able to secure only a handful of votes against it.

Many senators who intend to vote for the Bill will, however, try to place some check on the authority which it grants to the President.—Reuter.

WAITING FOR A BUS?

AN AMUSING STORY WAS TOLD YESTERDAY BY THE OFFICER COMMANDING BRITISH TROOPS WHO ENTERED ELWAK, ON THE KENYA FRONTIER.

During mopping up operations he came across a vehicle bearing the sign "Mobile Bakery." Inside he found rolls, bread and an Italian officer hiding in a flour bin.—Reuter.

Former American doubts regarding the wisdom of openly offending Japan by using Singapore have been "dissipated by the realities of the situation," according to informed British circles.

Decision of the United States to establish an Asiatic Fleet without weakening the Pacific and Atlantic units is generally welcomed by London political circles.

Professional Navy men, however, are less enthusiastic, holding that the United States needs all its units where they are now.

Usefulness Debated

Some quarters are inclined to debate the usefulness of the Asiatic move in view of the absence of entirely satisfactory bases near enough to any potential enemy. It is pointed out, however, that the use of Singapore would overcome this objection.

Meanwhile Mr. Hopkins told the press that he shares President Roosevelt's conviction that the Axis will lose the war.—International News Service.

EIRE FACES ISSUE

THE EIRE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO SUMMON THE DAIL SPECIALLY FOR NEXT THURSDAY FOR A COMPREHENSIVE DISCUSSION ON ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES, BOTH HOME PRODUCED AND IMPORTED.

The decision was taken on the initiative of Mr. William Cosgrave, Leader of the Opposition, who will move that "The Dail is of opinion that the Government should define the probable situation in regard to essential supplies and indicate what steps are contemplated for equitable distribution in the event of an acute shortage developing." — Reuter.

HITLER'S HARE AND HOUNDS

Hitler's recent attempts to appeal in Socialist terms to German workers have resulted in serious internal difficulties, according to reliable reports reaching official circles in London yesterday. It is learnt that Hitler's speech to Berlin armament workers on December 10 caused great anxiety among German industrial magnates, who regarded it as dangerously radical.

To pacify them Hitler called a meeting of their representatives and explained that war exigencies necessitated talking to German workers thus, but that after the war the masses would be properly dealt with.

Details of the meeting reached Rhinefront factory workers, resulting in serious unrest.—Reuter.

INDIA GIVES 1,000 SPITFIRES

India has now provided for aircraft purchase alone enough money to buy more than 1,000 Spitfires—£2,500,000 out of a total of over £500,000 sent to Britain from the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund.

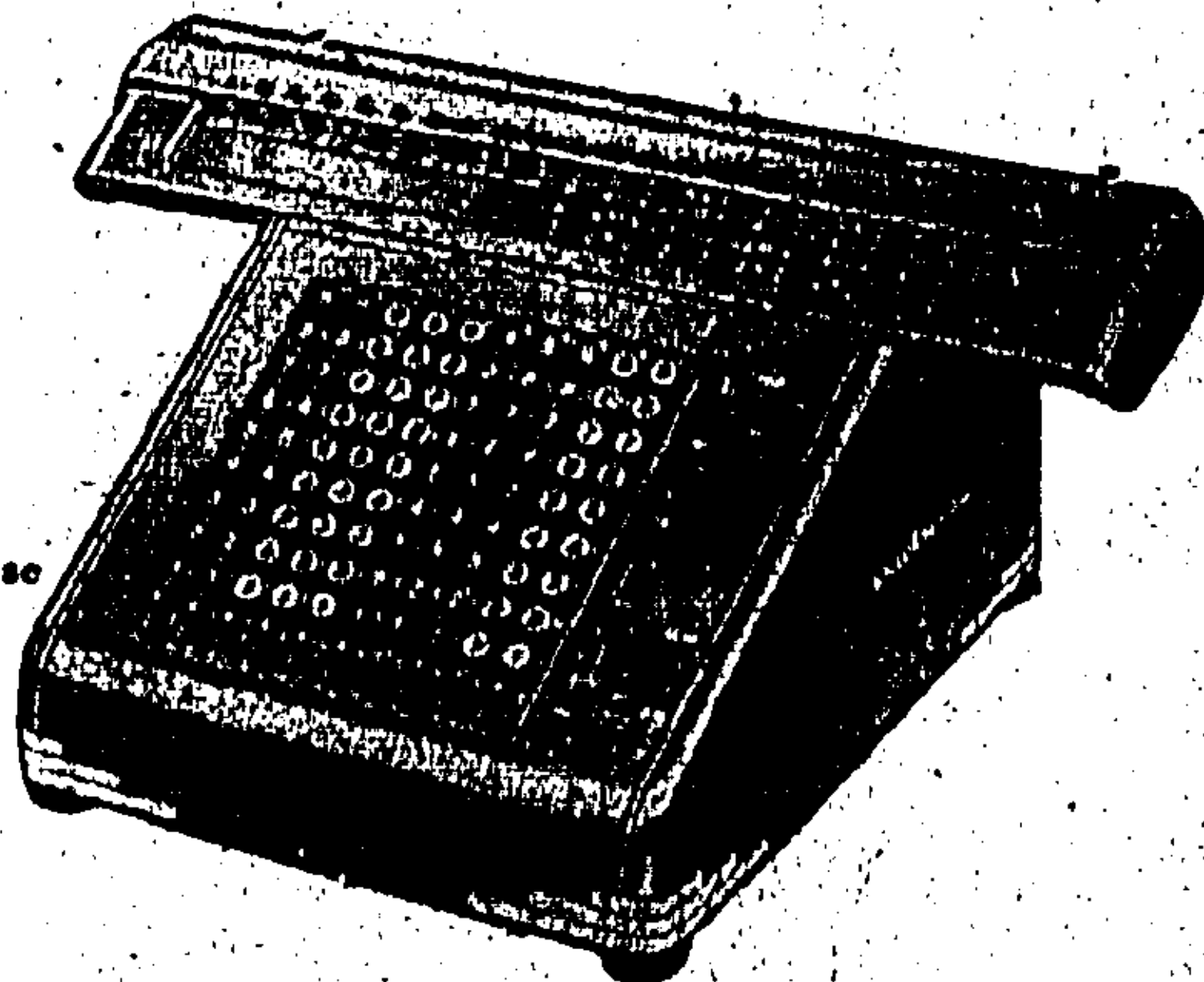
Value of India's contribution as a whole is shown by the fact that the Viceroy's Fund has now nearly reached the £2,000,000 mark. Allocations include nearly £880,000 to the British Exchequer, over £100,000 to the Lord Mayors Air Raid Distress Fund and over £50,000 to King George's Fund for sailors. £32,000 has been sent to St. Dunstan's Hostel and about £20,000 to the British Red Cross Society.—British Wireless.

KENYA ADVANCE

Gold Coast and South African troops have entered Elwak, on the Kenya front, it was announced in Cairo yesterday. The town had previously been abandoned by the Italians. — Reuter.

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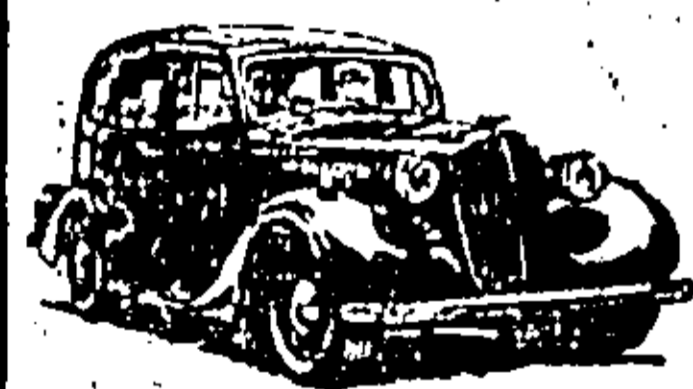
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E. M. L. Soares, the Recreo opening batsman, plays forward. Archie Zimmermann is behind the sticks and R. T. Broadbridge and N. D. Lloyd in the slips.



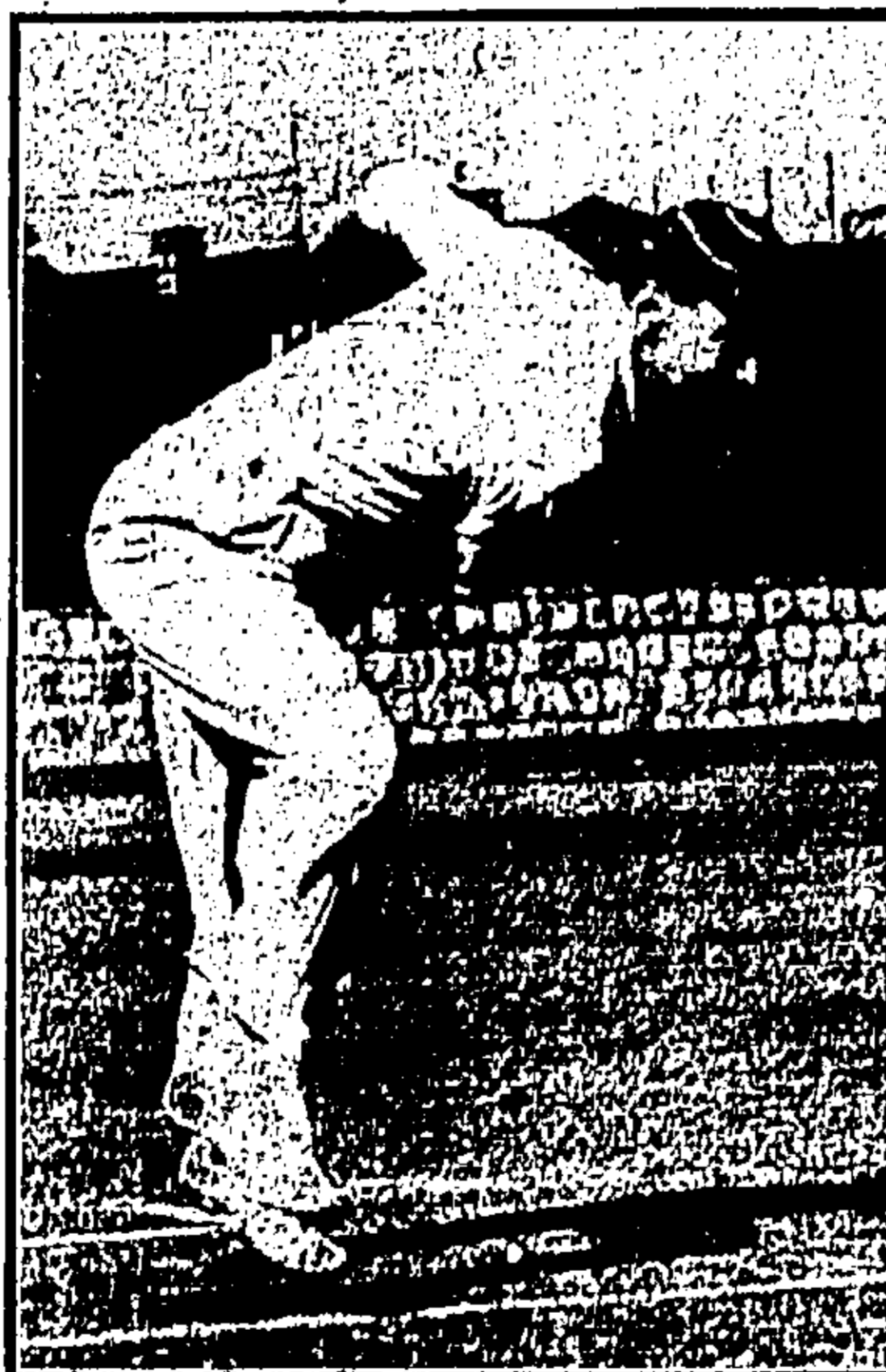
The veteran A. H. Rumjahn padding up. He made 22 for the Past.



Dr. L. T. Ride pays the penalty and makes his contribution to the "Bomber" box which is obligingly held for him by E. Zimmermann.



F. J. Lay is seen playing a defensive stroke at the practice wicket before the match between Kowloon Cricket Club and Recreo.



F. R. Zimmermann (above) K.C.C. opening bowler, following through after bowling one of his faster balls. At right is Teddy Fincher, the K.C.C. captain, snapped between overs.

Week-End Cricket



The two captains in the annual University Past v Present match. On the left is Ernie Zimmermann (Past) and N. C. Sen Gupta.



Umpire T. Lock, Dr. J. N. Anderson and L. T. Ride chatting before the match.



Two members of Kowloon Cricket Club's attack. On the left N. D. Lloyd and R. E. Lee.

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On Sunday, at Pokfulam, was played the annual University match between Past and Present members. The Present, who were up against a powerful team, did very well and honours were shared in the draw which resulted.

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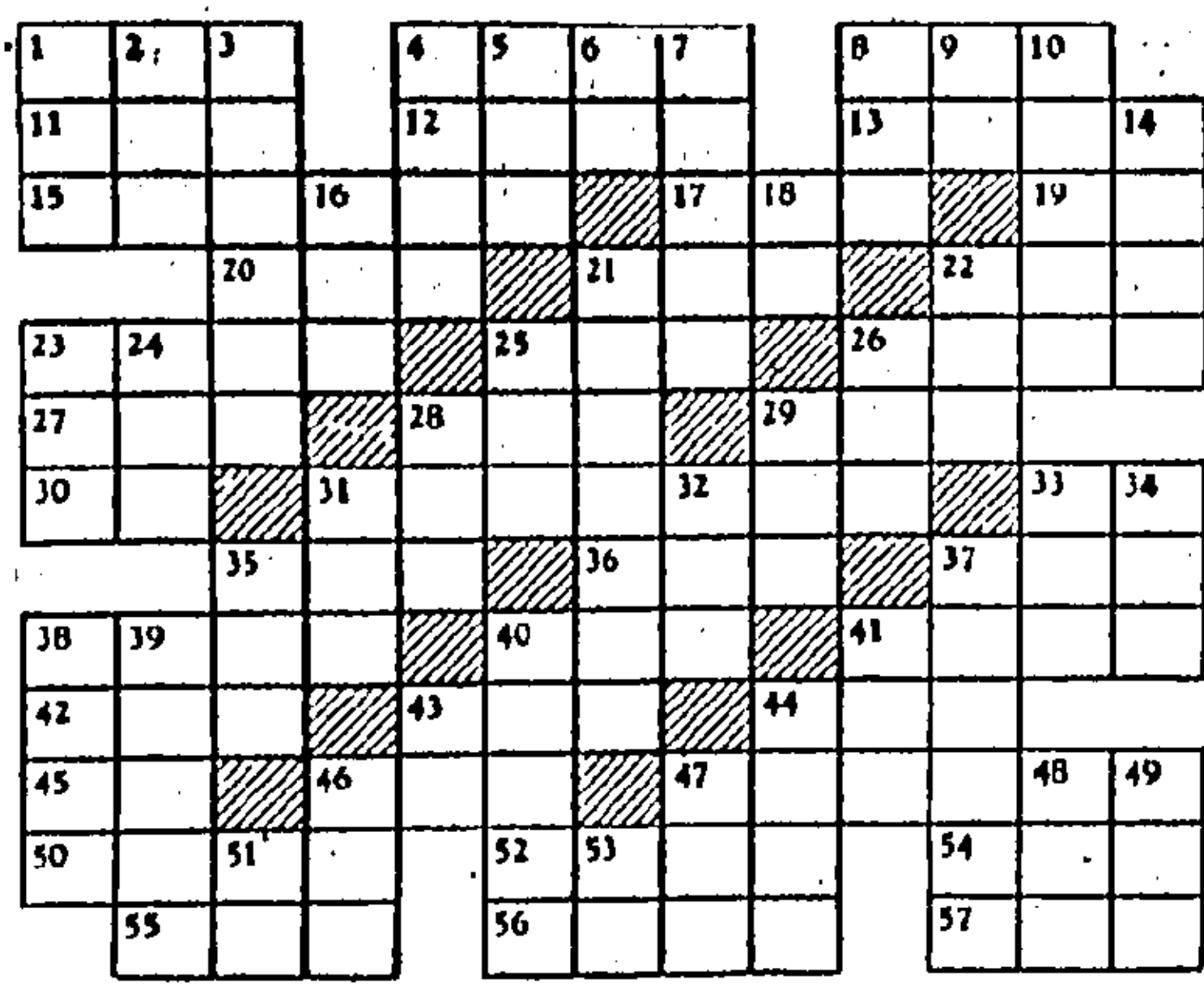
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SUNDAY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE



HORIZONTAL

1 Former
4 Harren
11 To fall behind
12 Heavy weight
13 Piece of the skeleton
14 Dye plant
15 To gossip
16 Contender
19 Brother of Odin
20 To prevaricate
21 Heedle
22 Cost
23 To begin
24 To soak
25 Hed
27 German article
28 Clumsy fellow
29 Atmosphere
30 Printer's measure
31 Corner into view
32 Note of scale
33 Vehicle
34 Constellation
37 By what means
38 Glimpse
39 Southwestern
40 Indian
41 Northern tree
42 Chalice
43 Being

VERTICAL

1 Siamese coin
2 Tibetan gazelle
3 Horn
4 Competent
5 Fish cage
6 Preposition
7 Heavy station
8 Hindu pillar
9 Article
10 Dedicated
11 Onion-like vegetable
12 Mineral
13 Either
14 Triumph over
15 Animal hair
16 Prophecy
17 Writing implement
18 To knock
19 Enamel
20 Goddess of the harvest
21 Constellation
22 Diving bird
23 Part of "to be"
24 To put on
25 To be altered
26 Large snake
27 Intimated
28 Tibetan priest
29 Prophetic sign
30 Up to
31 To strike
32 Babylonian deity
33 Sage
34 Melancholy
35 Small part
36 Before
37 Uncloaked
38 Hawaiian bird
39 Sun god

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

DEY DOLES DET
HRS EROBS ARE
NIECE STRANGE
SERVING TELLER
FAY DOT SPERAT
AGES PODRITZ
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It's Interesting But Is It Art?

WE can remember, as a child, sitting at someone's knee with our little hand clutched in theirs and hearing the fascinating stories of Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table. Many of the tales, following one of the legends, we've called forth and done battle with the old Morris chair that roared and spouted fire at us through gaping jaws. Time has passed to the point when now we find poets long reversed. They fingers clutch ours now and we are telling the story. Feeling technical as all got out we have dug up a few facts which should settle the little one's queries.

The number of places that claim Arthur, either as a registered voter, or at least as a visiting friend, is tremendous; extending throughout the length and breadth of England and running over at the edges into Brittany and France. The only parallel we can draw to the illustrious Art is our own G. Washington. It's amazing to note the number of places to-day that refuse to believe that George was anything but a mattress-leaser for some Colonial outfit, so many are the beds attributed to his score. Like Washington, the medieval Arthur must have spent most of his time sleeping, sitting or knocking together a castle or two to account for the myriad Arthur's Seats, Arthur's Castles, etc. He is a legend so overgrown with other legends that the real man has been lost in the scramble. But like most of us, he did exist. He is to Britain what Siegfried is to Germany and the great Charlemagne is to France. (At the opening kick-off in the third quarter, Siegfried is leading in points, with several boisterous operas and a line of defence to his credit.) The man's name was assuredly not Arthur and, as for his stately fortresses of stone, he was probably lucky if he had two or three mud huts slapped together

over his kindly conk. Such slightly better a few seasons in the past, his actual existence was sincerely doubted.

The Arthur of the Round Table (who, incidentally, knew a good knight when they saw one) and the chivalrous knights who rushed about nonchalantly knocking over dragons and second-rate villains, rescuing fair damsels (who, incidentally, knew a good knight when they saw one) and chasing the Holy Grail, certainly did not exist. Even in costume they are about 600 or 800 years off. As a matter of fact, Art wasn't even a king. He was, more than likely, the last of the British chieftains, born about 500 A.D.

arm clothed in white samite" caught the sword and disappeared from the surface. According to the natives that like is on Bodmin Moor and the scene of the battle is supposed to have been at Camelford... a damned good top, skip and jump away. After the sword business, a black horse loaded with several dozen beautiful babes floats down and drags Art off to the Vale of Avalon where he is reputed to sleep until the time when England again needs him.

Art's origin is slightly dusty and is generally attributed to a moment between the mighty Uther Pendragon and a doll named Ygerne but of this we're not sure. Merlin, Art's chief bodyguard and All-Britain harrier, never met with grief after his boss's death at the sight of the inter-Celt war. Madness and magic were the same thing in those days and the old boy was evidently some stuff. However, the good monks who translated the Arthurian legends have Merlin falling for some medieval oomph girl named Vivien and winding up inside a chunk of rock, which just goes to show you.

Guinevere, Art's ball and chain, who was no better than she ought to have been, certainly kept the home fires... and the boys... burning while Art was off on his business trips. Sir Launcelot, Mordred, one of Art's nephews, and a couple of the boys in the back room were among the guilty parties. Guinevere didn't pull her punches either. History relates that she even made a pass at Galahad one day but that the dove had something in his eye and didn't catch on. Art decided that fun was fun but that the time had come to liquidate Mordred. He was no fool there... picking on Mordred, Launcelot stood at least a head and half above him. This outcome was the fatal battle in the West, which we have mentioned. Guinevere got religion all of a sudden after the scrap and whipped off to Amesbury Abbey, where she spent the rest of her days thinking of what a sucker she'd been to come in the first place. In the time of Henry II, it was claimed that Art's tomb had been discovered at Glastonbury, which brings to mind the fact that there is an Avalon, along the Riviera.

Camelot was the suburb where Art and the boys used to crack each other across the noggin for dear old chivalry's sake and a couple of beers got prior the Lady of Shalott being out around here, too, according to the local

inhabitants who call themselves Winchesterites, to-day. You remember the gal who used to sit in her room watching the traffic on Route 29 through a mirror. She wasn't doing badly, either, until one day she spotted Launcelot, lit the torch for him, curled it, broke the mirror, had a baby and died in a barge. Barge manufacturers must have had a pretty good thing in those days with all the bids and lassies checking out via the inland water route.

So, all in all, it would seem that the fanciful legends about Art were started by a people who were sick and tired of taxes, politics and "protective" neighbours and decided to invent someone who could help them keep the old cloth up. These stories, as we have said, have been mangled in translation by a lot of romanticists, but some of it happened and... it's interesting.

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A HISTORICAL SATIRE

By W. A. COURTENAY

Why Golf Balls Have Dimples

Have you ever wondered why a golf ball is covered with dimples? The reason is this: When the ball was first introduced, its surface was smooth. But golfers soon found that after it had been plicked and cut by the club and through wear and tear on the course, the ball not only carried better but flew straighter. So some golfers started to nick the ball deliberately. From that step it did not take long for the manufacturers to start indenting the ball themselves.

Manufacturers have to be careful, however, of the way the dimples are made. If the recesses are too shallow the ball does not fly true, and if they are too deep it does not carry well.

—Scribner's Commentator, New York.

Waiter Who Became President

A girl by the name of Lou Henry once attended the University of Leland Stanford, in California. She was pretty, popular, and lived in a sorority house. Students who were working their way through college — boys, it so happened — waited on table in the dining room. Among them was a young engineering student who thought Lou Henry was the kind of a girl he'd like to date.

So he took off his serving coat one night, walked around to the front door, and rang the bell. Then he asked if she would go out with him.

Lou Henry was both kind and democratic, and as she liked the waiter, she accepted.

But the girls in her sorority house objected. "Lou, you can't!" they exclaimed. "He's a waiter."

Lou Henry rebelled against her sorority sisters. "What if he is making his way through school?" she retorted. "I honour him for it. He deserves credit and he'll get somewhere."

She kept right on seeing the waiter, fell in love with him and married him.

And the college waiter did get somewhere. He became President of the United States and Lou Henry was Mrs. Herbert Hoover.

—Helen Welsheimer, in "The Questions Girls Ask."

GERMAN FLYER CAPTURED



A German flyer who was shot down into the sea and brought ashore by fishermen is shown receiving first-aid treatment upon his capture. (Evening News, Copyright.)

ELY CULBERTSON ON: — CONTRACT BRIDGE

BRIDGE players should take a leaf from the book of their closest kin, the military lords. In warfare, which bridge resembles so amazingly, one of the greatest of all struggles is to maintain lines of communication between mutually dependent units. In bridge the same pains should be taken by partners—to preserve at all cost communication-plays from one hand to the other.

East, in to-day's hand, was sadly lacking in military strategy. Both sides vulnerable. Match-point duplicate.

NORTH

S-10 J
H-8 4
D-8 5
C-9 J 7 6 5

WEST

S-A K 6 5 4 2
H-B 4
D-A 10 8 3
C-K 8

EAST

S-9 7 3
H-A 10 8 3
D-8 5
C-10 4 3

SOUTH

S-10
H-K 7 2
D-A K 10 9 4 3
C-A 9 2

The bidding:

West North East South
1 spade Pass 2 hearts 3 diam.
3 spades 4 diam. Pass
Pass

West opened the spade king and when East played the three spade, shifted immediately to the nine of hearts. This was excellent defence on West's part, but unfortunately East failed to cooperate. He went right up with the heart ace and, after that, there was no possible chance to defeat the four diamond contract. Actually East returned a spade (not that any

other return would have made a difference), declarer ruffed, drew trumps in two leads, then laid down the ace and a low club. West won with the king and declarer clinched the balance. He could easily throw his losing heart on one of dummy's clubs.

It will be observed that if West had attempted to cash two rounds of spades at the outset the defence would have blown up then and there; that is, declarer would have ruffed, drawn trumps, and established clubs before losing his heart control. But, after West's good shift to the heart nine, defeat of the contract would have been inevitable if East had used his hand a bit. Several facts should have been apparent. One, that in view of West's spade rebid, there was a distinct chance that he held a seven card suit, in which case only one spade trick would be available to the defenders. Second, and most important, if declarer had three hearts and West only two, it would be vital to knock out declarer's heart stopper immediately in order to leave a heart in West's hand for communication purposes after his presumable club stopper was removed. From East's point of view it did not matter whether West had the club ace or the club king. Surely he could not have both, in view of the bidding. Moreover, there was no chance that South might have the heart king blank because, in that case, West would have had four and would have led his fourth highest. Thus, all these facts considered, the proper play for East, at the second trick, was the heart eight or ten. At any rate, not the ace. South's king would have been knocked out immediately and later, when West regained the lead with his club king, he would simply return his remaining heart and East would cash the ace and queen for the defeat of the contract.

JEST -- A -- MINUTE

MUSIC NOTE

Then there was the girl musician who kissed her violin good night and took her bow to bed with her.

SOMETHING IN THAT

And then there was the Scotchman who bought only one spur. He figured if one side of the horse went the other was sure to follow.

MIXED

A destroyer had arrived at her depot after a tour of duty, and the commander, unable to leave for some hours, sent the quartermaster ashore with a telegram to be despatched to his family.

The wire read: "With you tonight, Lots of Love, Ginger."

However, the quartermaster met a few friends and visited a number of the hostesses before remembering his mission. Being unable to find the draft of the telegram, he decided to write it from memory and despatched it as follows: "With you to-night, Lots of gin, Lovely."

HE KNEW

The teacher was explaining the difference between the stately rose and the modest violet.

"You see, children," she said, "a beautiful, well-dressed woman walks along the street, but she is proud and does not greet anybody—that is the rose. But behind her comes a small creature with bowed head."

"Yes, miss, I know," Tommy interrupted, "that's her husband."

HE SOLD IT!

The book-cannasser knocked at the door of Mr. Jones's house.

"Nothing to-day," said the woman.

"But, madam," he insisted, "I have something here that is bound to interest you. The Husband's Friend, or 500 Reasons for Staying Out Late."

"What makes you think that book would interest me?" asked Mrs. Jones, angrily.

"Well," said the canvasser, "I sold a copy to your husband on the way to the station this morning."

TOO CAREFUL

At a party in the village, the headmaster of the local school felt that he had partaken rather freely of champagne; he determined to be careful and avoid showing any of the usual signs of tipsiness.

When they arose from the table someone suggested that the hostess exhibit the latest addition to her family. She agreed, and presently the nurse appeared with a dainty pink basket containing twins.

The headmaster, mindful of his determination, steadied himself and said, "What a beautiful baby!"

DISCONCERTING

A woman visited a West-end store, at which a mannequin parade was provided as a tea-room attraction, with her five-years-old daughter.

In the sudden stillness caused by the entrance of four beautiful demurely clad in the most ravishing of pyjamas, the little child piped, shrilly, "Mum, mummy! We really must bring Andy here!"

HOW SILLY!

"It's surprising," said the professor to his wife at breakfast, "to think how ignorant we all are. Nearly every man is a specialist in one particular line, and in consequence we are all as narrow-minded as it is possible to be."

"I, for instance," said his wife, "I, for instance," she continued, "am ashamed of my failure to keep abreast of modern science. Take electric light, for example. I haven't the least idea how it works."

His wife gave him a patronising look, and smiled.

"Why, Hubert, I'm ashamed of you, too. It's simple! You just press a switch, that's all!"

THAT'S NO LADY

A black man was walking through the jungle leading a young girl by the hand. He met up with a missionary who stopped him and inquired: "Who is your lady friend? I'd like to be presented to her."

Replied the black man: "That ain't no lady friend. That's my lunch."

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"Of course not, you dope!" howled the irate tenant. "Didn't I just tell you my name is Greenwood?"

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"Oh, yeah?" he shouted. "Then why did you answer the doorbell?"

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"That little one wasn't there when we locked the place up last night,"—Judge, U.S.A.

STRANGE REASONING

Two dotting mothers were discussing their children, evacuated since the outbreak of war.

"It's so dull without my little boy," sighed one. "I haven't got used to the quiet of the house yet. And I was reading in the papers that the war might last forty years."

"What?" gasped the other in dismay. "Then my Betty will be fifty-one by the time she gets home!"

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GIVE HER TIME

"I hope you don't allow him to kiss you yet."

"Gee, Mother, I can't break all his foolish habits in a month."

HER MISTAKE

Tomplings was passing the offertory bag in church when a woman hurried in. She walked quickly down the aisle, stopped by Tomplings, dropped a penny in the bag, and moved to a seat.

The bag-bearer was at the last pew when the woman came hustling back. She snatched a penny from the bag and was passing out of the church door when Tomplings grabbed her arm.

"I say," he muttered, "why in the name of goodness do you come in here, drop a coin in the bag, then take it out again, and leave?"

The woman shook him off indignantly.

"I'm in the wrong church," she said.

AT THE DOCTOR

"YOUR TROUBLE IS NIGHT STARRATION. YOU SEE, WHILE YOU SLEEP YOUR HEART LUNGS AND OTHER AUTOMATIC PROCESSES CONTINUE USING UP ENERGY. IN YOUR CASE ALSO THIS HAS LED TO AN EXCESS OF ACID WASTE PRODUCTS IN THE BLOOD. RECENT TESTS HAVE PROVED THAT HORLICKS IS WHAT YOU NEED."

AND SO EVERY NIGHT HORLICKS

TWO MONTHS LATER

YOUNG JACKSON'S A DIFFERENT MAN THESE DAYS. HE'S GETTING ON WELL WITH THE DEALERS AND I'VE DECIDED TO SEND HIM TO IDUH AS BRANCH MANAGER.

EXCELLENT! I'M GLAD TO HEAR IT.

DO YOU FEEL WORK-OUT, DEPRESSED, OR NERVY? DO YOU EVEN AWAKE TIRED?

Take **HORLICKS**

THEN YOU WILL SLEEP SOUNDLY—WAKE REFRESHED AND HAVE EXTRA ENERGY ALL DAY

ASSISTANT LOSES HIS GRIP... YET ONLY JUST BACK FROM LEAVE!



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A high-contrast, black and white photograph of a basketball game. A player in a light-colored jersey is jumping to shoot the ball, while a player in a dark jersey jumps to block. Other players are visible in the background on the court.

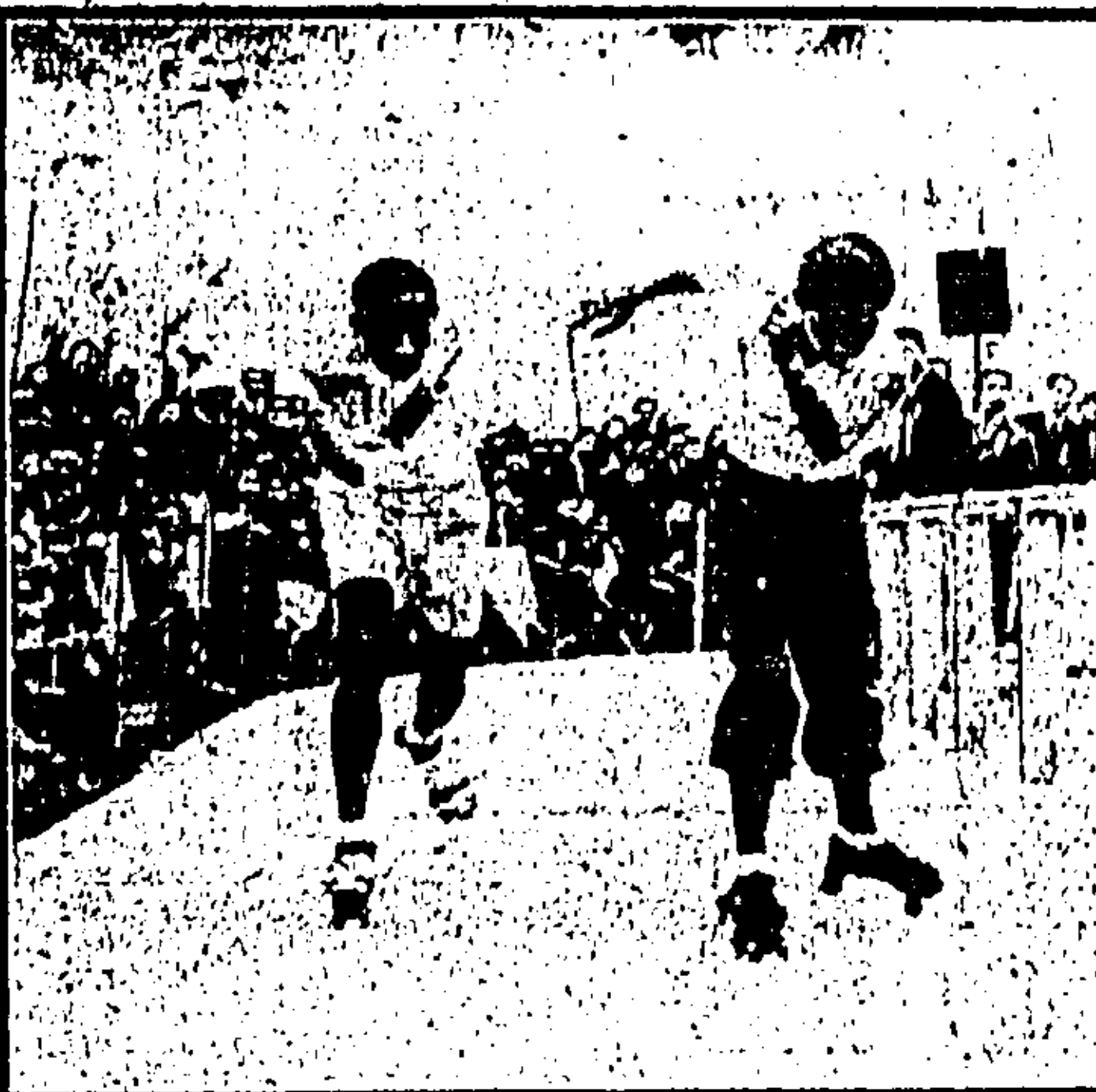
A high-contrast, black and white portrait of a woman. She is wearing a dark headscarf and a garment with a light-colored, possibly polka-dot, pattern. She is looking upwards and to the right with a slight smile. The image has a grainy, high-contrast quality.



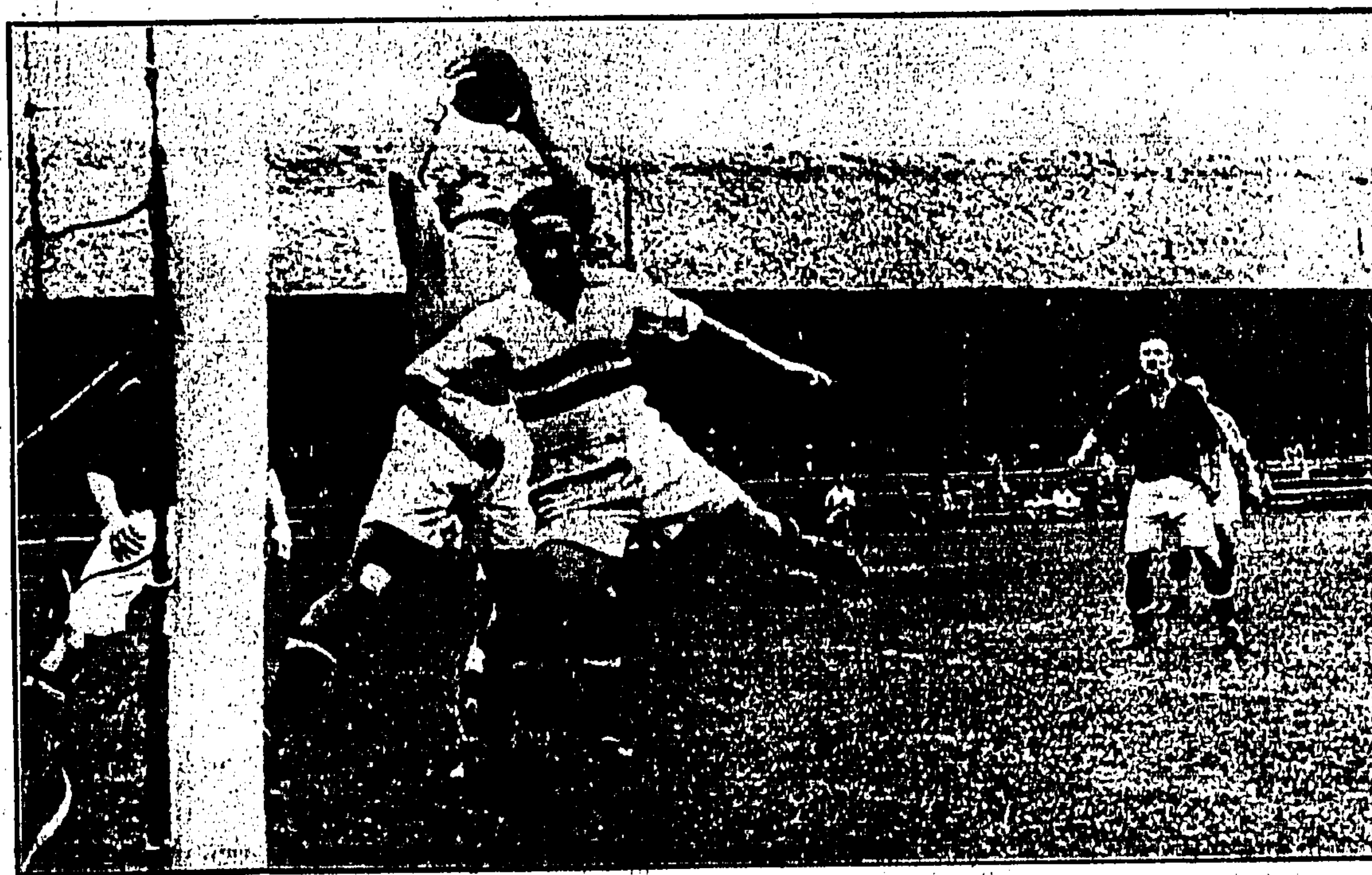
A Home-base action shot taken during the Recreio-Wahoo match last Sunday, when the latter triumphed by 13-4. Wahoo's Jeannette Yolie is seen connecting for a safety. The Ramblerette hindsnatcher is Melvie Campos. (Tong).



L. Mar in a dramatic leap which failed to stop the ball in the tussle between Wildcats and Panthers last Sunday. The game was won by Wildcats with the score 11-2. (Tony)



These pictures taken at the First Annual Skating Competition held by The Ritz at North Point last Sunday show (left) Yeu Chol-yin and Kwok Yim-wah fighting it out for first place in the 1,000 metres event. At right is Miss Shui Wan-lan, winner of the 400 metres (backward) event. (Tong).



Robinson, Navy's goalkeeper, and Kwok Ying-kee, Sing Tao's centre-forward, in a tussle in the goalmouth during the Sing Tao-Navy game last Sunday. The latter caused a big upset by winning by the odd goal in three. (Tong).⁶



The women's section of the A.T.A. (Air Transport Auxiliary) has increased in number from eight to twenty-five, and is to be still further augmented in the near future. Women with 150 hours experience are being accepted with 150 hours used to be required. Miss Pauline Gower, daughter of Sir Robert Gower, is Officer Commanding, and under her wing are women who have gained international fame both in the air and in other fields; Miss Amy Johnson, now believed drowned; being one. "The world-famous flying sisters famed for their flight to Egypt. Next in sequence is the Hon. Mrs. M. Fairweather; (lower left) Mabel Bates, "A" and "B" Licence and a second-class navigator's certificate. She also holds wireless and a Q.C. Miss Pauline Gower, the first woman to hold an "A" and "B" Licence and a second-class navigator's certificate. She also holds wireless and a flying instructor's licence. In the centre is Miss Jean Hughes, and at right is Miss Mona Friendlander, for eight years an international hockey player. (Fox Photos, Copyright.)